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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

JUNE 1, 2004, BEGINS ON PAGE 95.]

**SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** COULD I ASK THAT YOU ALL PLEASE RISE? WE'LL CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER. OUR INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY PASTOR TOM GIVENS, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH IN SANTA CLARITA, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE WHICH WILL BE LED BY FRANK DUDDLESTON, THIRD VICE COMMANDER, 19TH DISTRICT, THE AMERICAN LEGION. PASTOR GIVENS?

**PASTOR TOM GIVENS:** THANK YOU. LET'S BOW TOGETHER IN PRAYER. OH, GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR WONDER OF THE DAY THAT YOU'VE MADE TODAY. WE THANK YOU FOR THE DAY OF CELEBRATION AND REMEMBERING THAT WE HAD YESTERDAY. WE THANK YOU FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO GAVE THEMSELVES SO THAT WE MIGHT BE FREE. WE PRAY FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND THOSE THEY LEFT BEHIND. WE PRAY FOR US TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE FREEDOM THAT THEY SO WONDERFULLY AND SACRIFICIALLY GAVE TO US. WE PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT STAND THEIR POST TODAY, THAT YOU WILL WATCH OVER THEM AND BE WITH THEM AS THEY GUARD OUR LIBERTY. WE THANK YOU FOR OUR SUPERVISORS AND THEIR LEADERSHIP OF OUR COUNTY. WE THANK YOU FOR THEIR FAMILIES, THANK YOU FOR THEM AND THEIR ENERGIES AND THEIR TALENTS AND THE INVESTMENT THEY MAKE PERSONALLY HERE TO





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1    ENHANCE THE LIFE OF THE FOLKS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I ASK  
2    YOUR BLESSING ON THEM TODAY. I ASK YOUR BLESSING ON THE  
3    DELIBERATIONS THAT ARE DONE TODAY, THAT THEY WILL BE PLEASING  
4    TO YOU. I PRAY THAT YOU WILL ALSO OVERSEE AND DETERMINE THE  
5    DECISIONS THAT ARE MADE TODAY, THAT THEY WILL BE PLEASING TO  
6    YOU, AND THAT THE DEMEANOR WILL BE PLEASING TO YOU, THAT  
7    EVERYTHING DONE IN THIS PLACE WILL BE DONE IN A WAY THAT  
8    BRINGS HONOR AND GLORY TO YOU. WE THANK YOU AND ASK YOUR  
9    SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS TODAY AND THANK YOU IN THE  
10   NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME. AMEN. THANK YOU.

11

12   **FRANK DUDDLESTON:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE JOIN ME IN  
13   RECITING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

14

15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, ONCE AGAIN, WE WANT TO  
18   WELCOME PASTOR TOM GIVENS TO-- WHO LED US IN PRAYER THIS  
19   MORNING. HE IS THE PASTOR FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS IN THE SANTA  
20   CLARITA VALLEY AND SENIOR PASTOR AT GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH. HE'S  
21   A GRADUATE OF MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE, VIOLA COLLEGE AND TALBOT  
22   SEMINARY. HE IS ALSO AN AVID OUTDOORSMAN AND ENJOYS FISHING  
23   AND HE HAS ALSO DOES UMPIRING FOR THE PONY BASEBALL LEAGUE.  
24   AND FOR MANY YEARS, HE ALSO PARTICIPATED AND RAN AND COMPETED



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1 IN THE LOS ANGELES MARATHON. SO, PASTOR, THANK YOU FOR COMING  
2 DOWN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO  
5 PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MR. FRANK DUDDLESTON,  
6 WHO IS THE THIRD VICE COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, 19TH  
7 DISTRICT, AND PAST COMMANDER AND SECOND VICE COMMANDER OF THE  
8 AMERICAN LEGION WILMINGTON POST NUMBER 287. HE SERVED IN THE  
9 UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1954 TO 1968 AS A SPECIALIST FOURTH  
10 CLASS AND RECEIVED THE U.S. ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL WITH TWO  
11 STARS, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, THE VIETNAM SERVICE  
12 MEDAL WITH TWO STARS, THE VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL. HE HAS THREE  
13 CHILDREN AND HAS RESIDED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT LONG BEACH  
14 AREA FOR SOME 28-PLUS YEARS. SO, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD,  
15 FRANK, WE, ONCE AGAIN, I KNOW THIS IS YOUR SECONDS TIME BUT,  
16 ONCE AGAIN, I KNOW IT'S IN MIDDLE OF THE DAY, WE APPRECIATE  
17 YOU TAKING THE TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO LEAD US IN  
18 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GO THROUGH THE AGENDA.

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22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
23 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 5. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
24 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D AND 2-D.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
2    SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
5    AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H AND 2-H.

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7    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CHAIR WOULD MOVE THAT RECOMMENDATION,  
8    SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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10   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL  
11   PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.

12

13   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
14   SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 15,  
17   I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, HOLD FOR  
18   SUPERVISOR KNABE. ON ITEM NUMBER 6, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR  
19   YAROSLAVSKY. AND, ON ITEM NUMBER 12, HOLD FOR SUPERVISORS  
20   YAROSLAVSKY AND KNABE, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE REST ARE  
21   BEFORE YOU.

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23   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT,  
24   SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 16 THROUGH  
2 22, AND WE'LL HOLD THE ITEM NUMBER 16 FOR FOUR VOTES. ON ITEM  
3 NUMBER 17, AS NOTED ON THE AGENDA, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
4 OFFICER REQUESTS THE ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 28, 2004.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER...

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8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM-- I'M SORRY. ITEM 22, AS NOTED ON  
9 THE GREEN SHEET, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THE  
10 ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
13 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
14 SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, WEIGHTS AND  
17 MEASURES, ITEM 23.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
20 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEM 24.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.





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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, ITEM 25.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
5 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEMS 26  
8 AND 27.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL  
11 SECOND, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM  
14 28.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR  
17 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, ITEMS 29  
20 AND 30.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CHAIR WILL MOVE THAT. SECONDED BY  
23 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24

25 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COUNTY COUNSEL, ITEM 31.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
3 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEM 32.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR  
8 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEMS 33 AND 34.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
13 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 35 THROUGH 39. ON  
16 ITEM NUMBER 35, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.  
17 THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINING HEALTH ITEMS, MOVED BY  
20 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT  
21 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HUMAN RESOURCES. ON ITEM 40, HOLD FOR  
24 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEM 41.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ITEM 41 IS BEFORE US, WHAT IS IT, 42  
2    WE HAD A REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE?

3

4    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES, ON 42, BUT 41 IS BEFORE YOU NOW.

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6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. ON ITEM NUMBER 41, MOVED  
7    BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
8    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PROBATION AND, ON 42, AS NOTED ON THE  
11   GREEN SHEET, THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK  
12   CONTINUANCE

13

14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON 42?

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16   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON 42. SO 43 IS BEFORE YOU.

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18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 43, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE  
19   CHAIR WOULD SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC LIBRARY, ITEMS 44 THROUGH 47.

22

23   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL  
24   SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEMS 48 AND 49.  
2 ON 49, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A  
3 ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. ON ITEM NUMBER 48, MOVED BY  
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT  
7 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 50 THROUGH 75. ON  
10 ITEM NUMBER 58, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND, ON PAGE 29, SANITATION DISTRICT. ON  
15 ITEM 76..

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, WE'LL DO THE PUBLIC WORKS FIRST,  
18 THOUGH, RIGHT? WE HAVEN'T...

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES, I'M SORRY. PUBLIC WORKS IS BEFORE  
21 YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WITH THAT REQUEST TO CONTINUANCE, ON THE  
24 REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
25 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SANITATION DISTRICT. ON ITEM NUMBER 76,  
3 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 77 THROUGH 81. ON ITEM 78,  
8 AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE SHERIFF REQUESTS THE ITEM BE  
9 REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED

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13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ITEM WAS THAT?

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S ON 78.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
20 ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
21 ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEM 82.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
2   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION, ITEMS 83 AND  
5   84.

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7   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE ALTADENA CARSON REQUEST, MOVED BY  
8   SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT  
9   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTER. MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS  
12   OF THE BOARD, AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION  
13   HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE  
14   PROPOSED ASSESSMENT.

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16   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AS A RESULT, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD ADOPT  
17   THE RESOLUTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE  
18   PARAMOUNT ZONE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT  
19   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND THEN, UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,  
20   I BELIEVE WE HAD ITEM 16 THAT WE HELD.

21

22   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FOUR VOTE ITEM, YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

23

24   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THAT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
25   THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THEN MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE  
3 AGENDA REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
4 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
5 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
6 ITEM 86-A.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
9 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 86-B.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES?

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THIS ONE, I DON'T WANT TO HOLD IT, I JUST  
18 WANT TO ASK, DID THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE APPROVE THIS?

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ABSOLUTELY. THEY HAVE BEEN VERY INVOLVED IN  
21 THAT ONE.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
24 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND 86-B.

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3    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHAT WE JUST DID. WE ALREADY DID 86-  
4    A. 86-A WAS MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY BURKE, AND  
5    THEN...

6

7    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. YOU'RE RIGHT. EXCUSE ME. [ LIGHT  
8    LAUGHTER ]

9

10    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
11    BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
12    DISTRICT NO. 1.

13

14    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE SOME PRESENTATIONS. I'M GOING  
15    TO BEGIN. I HAVE A EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH PRESENTATION. SHE WAS  
16    UNABLE TO JOIN US AT THE-- A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, SO IT'S MY  
17    PLEASURE TO ASK LINDA LARSEN TO COME FORWARD. SHE IS THE APRIL  
18    2004 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH. AND HER HUSBAND-- BRINGING ANYBODY  
19    ELSE WITH YOU UP HERE? AS A 15-YEAR EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY OF  
20    LOS ANGELES, LINDA LARSEN IS CURRENTLY A LIBRARIAN WITH THE  
21    PUBLIC LIBRARY WHERE SHE HAS WORKED TO CREATIVELY DEVELOP  
22    PROGRAM RESOURCES FOR USE IN ALL COUNTY LIBRARIES. HAVING LED  
23    THE REFURBISHMENT PROJECT FOR THE CLIFTON BRAKENSIEK LIBRARY  
24    IN BELLFLOWER, SHE WORKED TIRELESSLY IN ORGANIZING THE  
25    MULTITUDE OF TASKS RESULTING IN EARLY COMPLETION OF THE



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1 PROJECT. AND, HAVING BEEN THROUGH THE RESULT OF THAT PROJECT,  
2 IT WAS A GREAT, GREAT JOB. SHE ESTABLISHED A BOOKS ON WHEELS  
3 PROGRAM TO DELIVER BOOKS AND OTHER MATERIALS TO SHUT-INS WHO  
4 CANNOT OTHERWISE VISIT THE LIBRARY. BY UTILIZING EXISTING MEAL  
5 DELIVERY SERVICE, NOURISHMENT IS NOW DELIVERED TO THE SOUL AS  
6 WELL AS FOR THE BODY. THROUGH HER LEADERSHIP AND ENTHUSIASM,  
7 THE LIBRARY HOLDS SEVERAL SERVICES, SUCH AS LITERACY TUTORING,  
8 A HOMEWORK CENTER, AND MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS FOR BOTH  
9 CHILDREN AND ADULTS. SO, IN RECOGNITION OF THESE  
10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND BEING NOMINATED BY HER PEERS, LINDA, ON  
11 BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE  
12 YOU ON BEING THE APRIL 2004 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH.

13 [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **LINDA LARSEN:** I'D LIKE TO THANK EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR  
16 THIS BEAUTIFUL SCROLL. BEING SELECTED AS EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH  
17 IS AN HONOR I NEVER DREAMED WOULD BE BESTOWED UPON ME. I WANT  
18 TO THANK MARILYN, DONALD, AND TODD, WENDY ROMANO AND MARY  
19 ANDERSON FOR THEIR CONFIDENCE IN ME AND FOR BEING THE  
20 INSTIGATORS OF THIS HONOR. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK MY HUSBAND,  
21 JERRY, FOR HIS SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22 [ APPLAUSE ]

23

24 **MARGARET TODD:** I'M MARGARET DONNELLAN TODD, THE COUNTY  
25 LIBRARIAN, AND I JUST WANT TO SAY HOW THRILLED WE ARE THAT



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1 LINDA WAS SELECTED FOR THIS. IT IS WELL DESERVED. SHE IS ONE  
2 OF OUR BEST AND BRIGHTEST SO WE ARE SO PROUD OF HER. [  
3 APPLAUSE ]

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOUR PRESENTATION.

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7 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HONOR PAUL TREUSCH, WHO IS  
8 THE-- RETIRING AFTER 25 YEARS FROM SOUTHWESTERN. HE'S COMING  
9 FORWARD AND ALSO COMING WITH HIM IS DEAN CAMERON. AND I  
10 UNDERSTAND HE HAS SOME OTHER PEOPLE WITH HIM. IF THEY'LL COME  
11 OVER HERE. HOW ARE YOU? WELL, PROFESSOR PAUL TREUSCH, FOR THE  
12 LAST 25 YEARS, HE HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO SHARING HIS EXTENSIVE  
13 KNOWLEDGE OF FEDERAL TAXATION TO LAW STUDENTS AS A FULL-TIME  
14 PROFESSOR OF SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL. AT THE SAME TIME, HE HAS  
15 ESTABLISHED IMPRESSIVE CREDENTIALS IN THIS SPECIALIZED FIELD.  
16 HE SERVED AS NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL BAR  
17 ASSOCIATION, LIFE MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE ON HIS  
18 TAX CONSULTATION GROUP AND A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
19 OF TAX ANALYSIS. HE HAS ALSO PUBLISHED EXTENSIVELY ON  
20 IMPORTANT TAX ISSUES AND HAS TESTIFIED BEFORE CONGRESS,  
21 ADVISED THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REGARDING TAXES IN  
22 HOSPITALS AND ON TAXPAYER RELIEF ACTS, PARTICULARLY THAT OF  
23 1997. HE OBTAINED BOTH HIS B.A. DEGREE, WHICH HE WAS A PHI  
24 BETA KAPPA AND JURIS DOCTORATE CUM LAUDE FROM THE UNIVERSITY  
25 OF CHICAGO WHERE HE ALSO WAS FOUNDING EDITOR OF ITS LAW





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1 REVIEW. HE'S BEEN A MEMBER OF THE BAR IN THE DISTRICT OF  
2 COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS, MASSACHUSETTS, AND THE U.S. SUPREME COURT.  
3 AT SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL, HE HAS ESTABLISHED THE PAUL E.  
4 TREUSCH PROFESSORSHIP TO ENHANCE FACULTY, SCHOLARSHIP, AND  
5 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND HAS ALSO INVOLVED-- ALSO ESTABLISHED  
6 A SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING A CAREER IN  
7 THE FEDERAL TAX FIELD. NOW, AS HE PREPARES TO RETIRE FROM  
8 FULL-TIME TEACHING, I'M PLEASED AND PROUD TO TAKE THIS  
9 OCCASION TO HONOR HIM FOR HIS MANY ACHIEVEMENTS AND  
10 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU FOR ALL THESE YEARS AND FOR ALL THOSE  
11 YOU'VE TAUGHT. [ APPLAUSE ]

12

13 **PAUL E. TREUSCH:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE, FOR THIS  
14 DISTINGUISHED RECOGNITION, WHICH WAS MUCH UNEXPECTED AND  
15 HIGHLY DESERVED AND... [ LIGHT LAUGHTER ]

16

17 **PAUL E. TREUSCH:** ...AND PRIZED. IT WAS INSTITUTED, I MIGHT  
18 ADD, BY SUPERVISOR BURKE'S, ONE OF HER ASSISTANTS, ONE OF MY  
19 STUDENTS, GERARDO PINEDO, WHO HAD A VERY DISTINGUISHED COURSE  
20 WITH ME AND SERVED IN A VERY WONDERFUL CAPACITY. I JUST WANTED  
21 TO ADD THAT, OVER THE YEARS, I'VE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO SERVE  
22 STUDENTS IN THE MYSTERIES OF TAXATION AND IN ASSISTING THEM IN  
23 DEVELOPING IN THEIR PRACTICE IN THAT FIELD. AND I SEE, IN THE  
24 AUDIENCE TODAY, AMONG THEM ONE GREG ROTH WHO IS NOW AN  
25 ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY. I SEE TODD MURPHY, WHO IS A ACTIVE



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1 PRACTITIONER AND TOP TRIAL ATTORNEY AT THIS POINT AND MANY  
2 OTHERS WHOM I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION. I MIGHT SAY THAT, IN THE  
3 CELEBRATION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BROWN DECISION,  
4 THAT ALL IS NOT YET ACCOMPLISHED. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'S STILL  
5 MUCH TO BE DONE AND I WOULD HOPE TO HAVE SOME PART IN THAT  
6 PROCESS. IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, FOR EXAMPLE, IN VIRGINIA,  
7 WE STILL HAVE SEGREGATION, REMINDING ME THAT BACK MANY, MANY  
8 YEARS AGO, IN MY DAUGHTER'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN VIRGINIA,  
9 WHICH WAS SEGREGATED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF VIRGINIA, AS AN  
10 ATTORNEY FOR THE SCHOOL, I WAS ABLE TO HAVE IT PUT ON A  
11 NONRACIAL BASIS LONG BEFORE THE BROWN DECISION AND MY FAMILY  
12 HAS, LIKEWISE, BEEN CONSTANTLY INVOLVED. MY WIFE MARCHED WITH  
13 MARTIN LUTHER KING DOWN IN ALABAMA AND MY DAUGHTER TAUGHT IN  
14 MISSISSIPPI. FROM THIS POINT ON, I WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO  
15 CONTRIBUTE IN THE FUTURE AND I DO THANK THE SUPERVISOR FOR  
16 THIS DISTINGUISHED RECOGNITION.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20 **DEAN CAMERON:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE. MY NAME  
21 IS CHRISTOPHER DAVID RUIZ CAMERON. I'M ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR  
22 ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AT SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL. I JUST WANT TO  
23 POINT OUT THAT WE HAVE SOME MEMBERS OF PROFESSOR TREUSCH'S  
24 FAMILY WHO ARE HERE TODAY, ALSO. HIS LOVELY WIFE, PHYLLIS, HIS  
25 DAUGHTER, KAREN, AND SOME OF MY DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES FROM



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1 SOUTHWESTERN. ON BEHALF OF THE LAW SCHOOL, WE JUST WANT TO SAY  
2 THANK YOU TO THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING PROFESSOR TREUSCH, WHO  
3 HAS HAD FOUR CAREERS: HE'S BEEN A PRIVATE TAX ATTORNEY; HE'S  
4 BEEN A HUMANITARIAN GIVING MONEY AND HIS ENERGY TO MANY CAUSES  
5 WITH HIS WIFE; HE'S BEEN, OF COURSE, A PUBLIC SERVANT; AND,  
6 MOST IMPORTANTLY, A TEACHER AND A SCHOLAR. AND, IN THAT  
7 CAPACITY, HAS AFFECTED NOT ONLY THE LIVES OF HIS STUDENTS BUT  
8 ALL OF THE PEOPLE WITH WHOM THEY'VE COME IN CONTACT, BOTH  
9 PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY. AND SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
10 THIS HONOR. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **PAUL E. TREUSCH:** ONE LAST POINT. I MIGHT ADD THAT, WHEN IN  
13 WASHINGTON, I HAD OCCASION TO MEET THEN CONGRESSWOMAN BURKE  
14 WHO WAS A ROLE MODEL FOR WOMEN IN THE LAW AND STILL IS.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND REMARKS. [  
17 APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** THANKS VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ] [ INDISTINCT  
20 CONVERSATION ]

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** AND HE IS 93 YEARS YOUNG.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO ASK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY TO  
25 JOIN ME ON THIS AS WELL. WE'RE GOING TO CALL UP KYNNA WRIGHT,



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1 DAVID WEINSTEIN, MARGARET DUNKLE, REPRESENTING U.C.L.A., AND  
2 CYNTHIA HARDING, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY'S MATERNAL  
3 CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH PROGRAMS. I GOT A LECTURE EARLIER  
4 ABOUT HOW MANY CHEETOS I EAT, SO I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT  
5 THEIR HEALTH SO I JUST PROMISED HER, IF I GAVE HER THE  
6 MICROPHONE, PLEASE DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. BUT, AS  
7 ADULTS, WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY,  
8 AND WELLBEING OF OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE, OUR CHILDREN, AND  
9 WE MUST GUARANTEE THEM THE BEST POSSIBLE START IN LIFE. AND  
10 JUNE OF 2004 IS PROCLAIMED AS A HEALTHY CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
11 MONTH THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND AS A  
12 DEMONSTRATION OF THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO THE WELLBEING OF  
13 CHILDREN. FOR THOSE OF US, AS WE SERVE AND GO THROUGH THE  
14 CHAIRS HERE AS CHAIR, WE ALSO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE FIRST FIVE  
15 COMMISSION, ANOTHER IMPORTANT PROGRAM TO THE WELLBEING OF OUR  
16 KIDS. SO IT'S MY PLEASURE TO JOIN SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IN  
17 HONORING THIS PROGRAM AT U.C.L.A. AND I'M GOING TO ASK ZEV TO  
18 SAY A FEW WORDS.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, DON. THE PROGRAM, THE AWARD THAT  
21 WE'RE PRESENTING TODAY IS NAMED AFTER VIVIAN WEINSTEIN, WHO I  
22 HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS IN  
23 VARIOUS CAPACITIES IN THE DURATIONS OF CHILD ADVOCACY PROGRAMS  
24 AND THIS IS REALLY AN EXTENSION OF HER LIFELONG WORK. AND I  
25 WANT TO THANK HER FAMILY FOR NOT ONLY PERPETUATING HER NAME



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1 BUT-- AND HER MEMORY, BUT DOING IT IN A WAY THAT CONTINUES TO  
2 EXUDE RELEVANCE TO THE PEOPLE-- OUR PEOPLE TODAY. THANK YOU  
3 VERY MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO SAY A FEW WORDS BUT  
6 I JUST WOULD ADD, THE LAST TIME I WAS CHAIR OF THE BOARD, I  
7 WAS THE FIRST CHAIR OF THE PROP 10 COMMISSION, WHICH IS NOW  
8 FIRST 5. AND VIVIAN'S PASSION AT THOSE MEETINGS IN TRYING TO--  
9 YOU KNOW, I'VE NEVER CHAIRED A COMMISSION WHERE, THE FIRST  
10 DAY, YOU OPEN UP WITH \$175 MILLION IN THE BANK AND SO IT WAS A  
11 REAL JOB TO CONTROL ALL THAT BUT HER-- ALWAYS HER PASSION FOR  
12 CHILDREN. SO IT'S REALLY GREAT TO SEE THIS CONTINUE.

13

14 **KYNNA WRIGHT:** THANK YOU. TO THE HONORABLE SUPERVISOR KNABE AND  
15 YAROSLAVSKY, CHILD AND FAMILY ADVOCATES AND FRIENDS, ON BEHALF  
16 OF DR. NEIL HALFUND, THE CENTER FOR HEALTHIER CHILDREN,  
17 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, AND THE U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF PUBLIC  
18 HEALTH, I AM PLEASED TO ACCEPT THIS PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF  
19 HEALTHY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT MONTH. FOUR YEARS AGO, MY  
20 MENTOR, VIVIAN WEINSTEIN, CREATED THE WEINSTEIN CHILD ADVOCACY  
21 AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AT U.C.L.A. AND HER DEDICATION TO  
22 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES HAS LED HER, IN THIS COUNTY, AMONG OTHER  
23 THINGS, TO HELP CREATE THE CHILDREN'S ROUNDTABLE, WHICH IS  
24 CURRENTLY THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL, AND THE CITY  
25 COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR FAMILIES. AND IT IS





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1 A PRIVILEGE AND AN HONOR TO CARRY ON HER LEGACY. THIS  
2 MONUMENTAL OCCASION COULD NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT THE  
3 COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS OF THE LOS ANGELES-BASED EARLY  
4 INTERVENTION AND IDENTIFICATION GROUP. E.I.I., WHICH IS OUR  
5 ABBREVIATION, AND THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS ARE WORKING IN  
6 PARTNERSHIP TO ASSURE THAT EVERY CHILD IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
7 GETS DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS EARLY, OFTEN, AND WITH A HIGH  
8 QUALITY SCREENING TOOL, AND ANY CHILD NEEDING HELP RECEIVES IT  
9 AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. AND, TO THAT END, IN AN  
10 EFFORT TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILD  
11 DEVELOPMENT, WE ARE HOSTING THE HEALTHY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT  
12 CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY, JUNE 10TH, AT THE CONFERENCE CENTER AT  
13 THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN US.  
14 AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR RECOGNITION OF OUR EFFORTS  
15 TO ENSURE THAT ALL CHILDREN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL DEVELOP  
16 TO THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL. [ APPLAUSE ]

17

18 **DAVID WEINSTEIN:** IN HONOR OF MY MOTHER, VIVIAN WEINSTEIN, I AM  
19 PLEASED AND PROUD TO SEE THIS RECOGNITION OF THE PROGRAM THAT  
20 SHE HELPED TO FOUND, TO PROVIDE THIS COMMUNITY WITH A  
21 CONTINUING SOURCE OF ADVOCATES ON BEHALF OF THE NEEDS OF  
22 CHILDREN. I WAS TAUGHT AND I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT A  
23 COMMUNITY THAT SERVES ITS CHILDREN AND MEETS THE NEEDS OF ITS  
24 CHILDREN IS A COMMUNITY THAT WILL CONTINUE TO THRIVE AND  
25 SURVIVE AND SO IT IS BY MEANS OF THIS RECOGNITION AND THE



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1 COMMITMENT AND UNDERSTANDING BEHIND IT THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO  
2 MOVE FORWARD IN A WAY THAT BENEFITS ALL OF US. I'M PROUD TO BE  
3 HERE TO REPRESENT MY MOTHER AND HER VISION AND HER PASSION AND  
4 I'M GRATEFUL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR ACTIONS ON  
5 BEHALF OF THIS PROGRAM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NOW, AT THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD  
8 COLONEL JOSEPH SMITH, WHO IS OUR DIRECTOR OF MILITARY AND  
9 VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND FRANK BARNYAK, PRESIDENT OF THE  
10 HOLLYWOOD, LOS ANGELES COUNCIL AND NAVY LEAGUE. ON JUNE 6TH,  
11 2004, WILL MARK THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY IN WORLD WAR II  
12 THIS DAY WILL HONOR THE MOST EXTENSIVE AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION IN  
13 WORLD HISTORY INVOLVING 5,000 SHIPS, 11,000 SORTIES OF ALLIED  
14 AIRCRAFT AND 153,000 AMERICAN, BRITISH AND CANADIAN TROOPS.  
15 THE GREAT CRUSADE, AS GENERAL EISENHOWER CALLED IT, WAS A  
16 TREMENDOUS RISK AND CASUALTIES WERE HEAVY. NONETHELESS, THE  
17 BRAVE AMERICAN AND ALLIED FORCES ACHIEVED A VERY SPECTACULAR  
18 VICTORY. I GOT TO SEE THE FIRST PART OF THAT "IKE" PROGRAM ON  
19 A. AND E. LAST NIGHT. IT WAS VERY WELL DONE IN REGARDS TO THIS  
20 WHOLE EFFORT. THE D-DAY ASSAULT WAS ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL  
21 EVENTS OF WORLD WAR II, SINCE ITS SUCCESS ULTIMATELY LED TO  
22 THE ALLIED VICTORY IN EUROPE. ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES AND  
23 THE BOARD, WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO FRANK AND  
24 TO COLONEL SMITH IN RECOGNITION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-  
25 DAY. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]



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**COLONEL JOSEPH SMITH:** D-DAY REPRESENTED THE PUSH TO MOVE THE  
GERMANS OUT OF EUROPE AND THE MAGNITUDE OF THE EFFORT REALLY  
DWARFS WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE WORLD TODAY. BECAUSE OF D-DAY  
AND THE OPERATIONS AROUND THE WORLD, ALL THE COUNTRIES IN  
EUROPE WERE LIBERATED. COUNTRIES ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN WERE  
LIBERATED, INDIA WAS PRESERVED, BURMA WAS PRESERVED, CHINA WAS  
LIBERATED, AS WERE ALL OF THE ISLANDS IN THE PACIFIC. SO THE  
MAGNITUDE OF WORLD WAR II WAS AN ENORMOUS ACCOMPLISHMENT BY  
THE 16 MILLION AMERICANS WHO PARTICIPATED BUT THE KEY PUSH  
WITH D-DAY IN FRANCE WAS LAUNCHED BY THESE GENTLEMEN AND THEIR  
COUNTERPARTS. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

13

**FRANK BARNYAK:** THE CHAIRMAN ASKED ME IF I WANTED TO SAY  
SOMETHING. I DO NOT HAVE THE ORATORY ABILITY OF THE GREEKS,  
THE ROMANS, OR COLONEL SMITH FROM YOUR VETERANS GROUP BUT,  
YES, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING. WE ARE NO LONGER  
PRIVILEGED, AND I SAY "PRIVILEGED", TO WEAR THE UNIFORM OF OUR  
NATION. AND YET I KNOW THAT, WITHOUT THOSE, WE WOULD HAVE AN  
ALIEN WAY OF LIFE UPON THIS NATION. WE WOULD NOT HAVE A  
MEETING TODAY, WE WOULD HAVE SOME MILITARY ORGANIZATION OR  
PUPPETS. I REALIZE THAT, BECAUSE OF MEMORIAL DAY, WORLD WAR II  
MEMORIAL, AND D-DAY COMING UP WITHIN SIX MORE DAYS, THE 60TH  
ANNIVERSARY, A LOT OF US GAVE UP EVERYTHING THEY HAD AT THAT  
MOMENT OF TIME. THEY GAVE UP ALL THEIR TOMORROWS. THEY GAVE UP



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1 EVERYTHING THEY MIGHT HAVE EVER BEEN FOR PEOPLE THEY WOULD  
2 NEVER KNOW OR NEVER SEE. AT THIS MOMENT OF TIME, I AM LOOKING  
3 AT YOU PEOPLE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT THEY WILL NEVER KNOW AND  
4 THEY WILL NEVER SEE. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE, IN  
7 THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, THOSE DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS  
8 THAT HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS 2004 CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED  
9 SCHOOLS BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.  
10 EACH OF THESE SCHOOLS HAVE WORKED HARD TO CREATE A VERY STRONG  
11 CURRICULUM TAUGHT BY THE INSTRUCTORS INCORPORATING HIGH  
12 EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL OF THOSE STUDENTS WHICH HAS LED THEM TO  
13 THIS SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT. FROM THE SUNLAND TUJUNGA AREA, IN  
14 TUJUNGA, THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, WE HAVE  
15 PLAINVIEW AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND PRINCIPAL PAMELA WARDEN  
16 AND DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SCHOOL SERVICES, MAXINE MATLEN, IS HERE  
17 TO ACCEPT THIS PRESENTATION. FROM THE CITY OF ALHAMBRA, WE  
18 HAVE MARGUERITA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND WE HAVE BARBARA  
19 RANDOLPH, THE PRINCIPAL, DR. JULIE HADDEN, WHO IS THE  
20 SUPERINTENDENT, AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, BARBARA MESSINA. [  
21 APPLAUSE ]

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FROM ALHAMBRA SCHOOL DISTRICT, WE HAVE  
24 PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND, AGAIN, PRINCIPAL BARBARA WONG,  
25 SUPERINTENDENT DR. JULIE HADDEN, AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER,



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1 BARBARA MESSINA, WHO WAS FORMER MAYOR OF THE GREAT CITY OF  
2 ALHAMBRA. [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONCE AGAIN, FROM THE OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY OF  
5 ALHAMBRA, RAMONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WE HAVE MARIA SANCHEZ, THE  
6 PRINCIPAL, AND AGAIN WITH JULIA-- DR. JULIA HADDEN, THE  
7 SUPERINTENDENT AND BARBARA MESSINA, THE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER.  
8 HOW ARE YOU? [ APPLAUSE ]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY GOODNESS! DID HE FINALLY GRADUATE? OKAY.  
11 BARRANCA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FROM THE CITY OF COVINA, WE HAVE  
12 JOAN MOORMAN, THE PRINCIPAL. HOW ARE YA? AND, FROM THE CITY OF  
13 WEST COVINA, ONCE AGAIN, MESA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND WE HAVE  
14 DEBBIE HODGSON, WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL. HOW ARE YOU? [ APPLAUSE  
15 ]

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FROM DUARTE, WE HAVE BEARDSLEE ELEMENTARY  
18 SCHOOL AND WE HAVE CECELIA MILANO, PRINCIPAL, AND  
19 SUPERINTENDENT OF INSTRUCTION, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF  
20 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES, JEAN E. MURPHY. [ APPLAUSE ]

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FROM GLENDALE, WE HAVE COLUMBUS  
23 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL KELLY KING. [ APPLAUSE ]

24





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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM LA CRESCENTA, WE HAVE MONTE VISTA  
2    ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PRINCIPAL, AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, ANGIE  
3    SCHULTZ. [ APPLAUSE ]

4

5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM LA CRESCENTA MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY,  
6    WE HAVE DR. GRACELLA GIBBS, PRINCIPAL. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FROM, AGAIN, LA CRESCENTA, VALLEY VIEW  
9    ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WE HAVE DR. NANCY JUDE. HOW ARE YA? [  
10    APPLAUSE ]

11

12    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FROM GLENDALE'S UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
13    VERDUGO WOODLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LYNDIA CHRISTIAN AND  
14    PRINCIPAL-- ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, ANGIE SCHULTZ. [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM GLENDORA, WE HAVE WIRT C. WILLIAMS  
17    ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND MICHELLE HUNTER, THE PRINCIPAL, WILL BE  
18    ACCEPTING. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM STEVENSON RANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE  
21    SUNLAND TUJUNGA-- SANTA CLARITA VALLEY IN THE NEWHALL SCHOOL  
22    DISTRICT, WE HAVE DIANE VON BUELOW, THE PRINCIPAL,  
23    SUPERINTENDENT, AND DR. MARK WINGER. [ APPLAUSE ]

24



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANOTHER GROUND BREAKING, YES, SIR. WE'LL BE  
2    THERE. AND FROM SAN GABRIEL, SAN GABRIEL UNIFIED SCHOOL  
3    DISTRICT, MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PRINCIPAL ANNA MOLINAR,  
4    AND ACTING SUPERINTENDENT, BERJOUHI KOUKEYAN.

5

6    **BERJOUHI KOUKEYAN:** NOT BAD.

7

8    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW ARE YA? [ APPLAUSE ]

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FROM SAN GABRIEL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
11   WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ELLEN PETERSON, AND, AGAIN,  
12   ACTING SUPERINTENDENT BERJOUHI KOUKEYAN. [ APPLAUSE ]

13

14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND, FROM CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FROM THE  
15   CITY OF SAN MARINO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, PRINCIPAL  
16   ELIZABETH HOLLINGSWORTH. [ APPLAUSE ]

17

18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND, FROM THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, CHARLES  
19   HELMERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FROM VALENCIA, SAUGUS UNION SCHOOL  
20   DISTRICT, BERNADETTE TORHAN, THE PRINCIPAL, AND DR. JUDY FISH,  
21   THE SUPERINTENDENT. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM FOSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SAUGUS  
24   UNION, PRINCIPAL JON BAKER AND JUDY FISH, THE SUPERINTENDENT.  
25   DOCTOR, HOW ARE YOU? [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND, FROM SAUGUS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, SKY  
3 BLUE MESA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND DEBORAH BOHN, PRINCIPAL, AND  
4 DR. JUDY FISH, SUPERINTENDENT. [ APPLAUSE ]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND, FROM SAUGUS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, SANTA  
7 CLARITA VALLEY, NORTH PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND  
8 SUPERINTENDENT JUDY FISH WILL BE, DOCTOR, WILL BE ACCEPTING  
9 THIS. [ APPLAUSE ]

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FROM SOUTH PASADENA, ARROYO VISTA  
12 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, JULIE JENNINGS, PRINCIPAL, AND DR. MICHAEL  
13 HENDRICKS, SUPERINTENDENT. [ CHEERS AND APPLAUSE ] [ APPLAUSE  
14 ]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND GOING BACK TO THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY,  
17 CANYON COUNTRY IN THE SULFUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
18 DAN LEVY, PRINCIPAL, AND DR. ROBERT NOLET, SUPERINTENDENT. [  
19 APPLAUSE ]

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT IN  
22 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, THIS TIME IT'S PINETREE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
23 WITH BETSY LETZO, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, AND DR. ROBERT NOLET,  
24 SUPERINTENDENT. AND FROM TEMPLE CITY IN THE TEMPLE CITY  
25 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, LONGDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CHERYL



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1 BUSICK, THE PRINCIPAL AND DR. JONAH HILLARD, SUPERINTENDENT,  
2 AND SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT, MATT SMITH. [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FROM WEST COVINA, MERLINDA ELEMENTARY  
5 SCHOOL IN THE WEST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHERYL DENOI, WHO  
6 IS THE PRINCIPAL, AND SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, MARY  
7 BRESKIN. HI. HOW ARE YA? [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FROM WEST COVINA, SAN JOSE EDISON  
10 ACADEMY, FROM THE WEST COVINA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, VICE  
11 PRINCIPAL DONNA HALE, VICE PRINCIPAL ERIN SHIROMA, AND  
12 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, MARY BRESKIN ONCE  
13 AGAIN. [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND OUR LITTLE FRIEND WHO IS LOOKING FOR A  
16 HOME THIS WEEK IS 10-WEEK-OLD TIKA, WHO IS A TERRIER MIX,  
17 BLACK AND TAN. THIS IS LITTLE TIKA, WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE THE  
18 MASCOT OF A SCHOOL. ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT TIKA? YOU CAN CALL--  
19 OH, YEAH. YOU'RE SO FRIENDLY. OH, YEAH.

20

21 **AUDIENCE:** AHS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** VERY COMPASSIONATE DOG. 562-728-4644 IF  
24 YOU'RE AT HOME OR IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT  
25 TIKA. SEE EVERYBODY OUT THERE? THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL GO BACK AND GET BACK TO THE  
3 AGENDA.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WITHDRAW MY HOLD ON NUMBER  
6 6.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WITHDRAWING HIS  
9 HOLD. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND IT.  
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. YOU'RE FIRST ON SPECIALS. IF  
11 YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GLORIA IS FIRST, ISN'T SHE?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL DO MY ADJOURNMENTS.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** I JUST HAVE ONE. I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN  
20 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JAMES N. CHEVEDDEN, WHO WAS  
21 BORN IN LOS ANGELES, AN ACCOMPLISHED CHINESE SCHOLAR AND  
22 MISSIONARY TO TAIWAN. HE PASSED AWAY MAY 19TH, 2004, AT THE  
23 AGE OF 56. HE WAS A JESUIT FOR 37 YEARS AND A PRIEST FOR 25.  
24 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS FATHER, RAY SCHEVIAN, HIS BROTHER JOHN,  
25 HIS TWIN BROTHER, PAUL, HIS BROTHER, MICHAEL, AND HIS WIFE,



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1 MARGARET, AND THEIR SONS, JACOB AND MATTHEW. I HAVE NOTHING--  
2 I HAVE NO OTHER ITEMS.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DID YOU CALL UP 12?

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 12. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER  
7 GLORIA HAD ADJOURNMENTS. DID YOU HAVE ADJOURNMENTS?

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T BELIEVE I DO.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM NUMBER 12, WE HAVE SOME MEMBERS OF  
12 THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP. WE HAVE COUNCIL MEMBER, JANICE  
13 HAHN, AND COUNCILMAN TOM LABONGE ON ITEM NUMBER 12, AND  
14 LORRAINE MABBETT.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GENEVIEVE, I DIDN'T CALL YOU.

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18 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** NO, BUT COUNCILMAN LABONGE TOLD ME I  
19 SHOULD GO FIRST.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, NO, NO, NO. I CALLED COUNCILWOMAN HAHN,  
22 YOU AND THEN I CALLED, LORRAINE-- LORRAINE MABBETT. THANK YOU.  
23 I KNOW YOU'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO A COMMITTEE MEETING, SO YOU  
24 WANTED TO-- SO, JANICE, IF YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD FIRST.

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1   **JANICE HAHN:** WELL, THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN KNABE AND MEMBERS OF  
2   THE BOARD. I'M HERE TODAY TO URGE YOU TO NOT REMOVE THE CROSS  
3   FROM THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND,  
4   WHILE THE A.C.L.U. HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN A GREAT GUARDIAN OF  
5   OUR NATION'S LIBERTY AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF ALL  
6   AMERICAS-- OF ALL AMERICANS, I'VE ACTUALLY BEEN HONORED TO  
7   STAND WITH THEM ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES. EVEN IN THE CITY OF LOS  
8   ANGELES, WE HAVE STOOD WITH THEM IN OUR OPPOSITION TO THE WAR  
9   IN IRAQ, IN OPPOSITION TO THE PATRIOT ACT. HOWEVER, TODAY, I'M  
10   HERE TO ARGUE THAT THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
11   WHICH WE ALL KNOW WAS DESIGNED BY MY FATHER, KENNY HAHN, IS A  
12   REFLECTION OF THE HISTORY OF THE-- OF LOS ANGELES AND I  
13   BELIEVE THAT THIS SEAL IN NO WAY FURTHERS THE PRACTICE OR  
14   PROMOTION OF ANY RELIGION OVER ANOTHER JUST AS THE GODDESS  
15   POMONA CERTAINLY DOES NOT PROMOTE OR ENCOURAGE THE ACT OF  
16   PAGAN WORSHIP. LET'S JUST TALK ABOUT THE HISTORY OF  
17   CALIFORNIA. IT BEGAN WITH THE SPANISH MISSIONS, THE CHAIN OF  
18   THE 21 MISSIONS ALONG CALIFORNIA'S EL CAMINO REAL REPRESENTS  
19   THE FIRST ARRIVAL OF NONNATIVE AMERICANS TO CALIFORNIA. IN  
20   ADDITION TO CHRISTIANITY, THE MISSIONS BROUGHT MANY OTHER  
21   THINGS TO CALIFORNIA, SUCH AS LIVESTOCK, FRUITS, FLOWERS,  
22   GRAIN, AND INDUSTRY. THIS WAS ALSO THE START OF THE  
23   CIVILIZATION IN WHICH WE LIVE TODAY. THESE MISSIONS ARE SUCH  
24   AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR HISTORY THAT EVERY ONE OF OUR LAUSD  
25   STUDENTS STUDIES CALIFORNIA MISSIONS AS PART OF THE STATE



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1 HISTORY IN THE FOURTH GRADE. IN FACT, THE NAME OF OUR CITY,  
2 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, STEMS FROM THE SPANISH MISSIONARY  
3 FATHER, JUAN CRESPIE. IN 1769, FATHER CRESPIE DISCOVERED A  
4 BEAUTIFUL RIVER LOCATED NEAR AN OLD CHAPEL THAT HAD A MURAL OF  
5 THE VIRGIN MARY SURROUNDED BY ANGELS PAINTED ON ONE WALL. HE  
6 NAMED OUR RIVER AFTER THAT CHAPEL, EL RIO DE NUESTRA SENORA  
7 LORENA DES LOS ANGELES, THE RIVER OF OUR LADY OF THE QUEEN OF  
8 ANGELS. IN 1781, A GROUP OF 12 FAMILIES ESTABLISHED A  
9 COMMUNITY ALONG THE RIVER AND NAMED IT EL DE NUESTRA SENORA  
10 LORENA DES LOS ANGELES, THE TOWN OF OUR LADY, THE QUEEN OF  
11 ANGELS. OVER TIME, THE AREA BECAME KNOWN AS THE CITY OF LOS  
12 ANGELES TO SHORTEN IT. THE SPANISH MISSIONARY INFLUENCE IN OUR  
13 REGION IS UNDENIABLE. LOOK AROUND US. ARCHITECTURE REFLECTS  
14 THE HISTORY, THE NAMES OF OUR CITIES AND STREETS: SANTA  
15 BARBARA, SANTA MONICA, SAN PEDRO, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN FERNANDO  
16 ROAD. BY IGNORING THIS INFLUENCE, WE TURN OUR BACK ON OUR  
17 HISTORY AND WE WILL DO DISSERVICE, NOT ONLY TO OURSELVES, BUT  
18 TO GENERATIONS TO COME FOR-- IF WE TRY TO ERASE THIS HUGE  
19 INFLUENCE ON OUR HISTORY. AS HARRY BRIDGES SAID SO ELOQUENTLY,  
20 WE CANNOT RELY ON OTHERS TO TEACH OUR HISTORY FOR US. THE  
21 COUNTY SEAL-- THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS AN  
22 OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH PEOPLE ABOUT OUR HISTORY. I URGE YOU TO  
23 ADOPT CHAIRMAN KNABE'S MOTION TODAY. AND, WHILE WHAT YOU'RE  
24 GOING TO HEAR IS THAT THE A.C.L.U. HAS THE LAW ON THEIR SIDE,  
25 LET ME JUST ENCOURAGE YOU AND TO REMIND YOU THAT THAT IS NOT



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1 NECESSARILY A SLAM DUNK. IT IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR INTERPRETATION.  
2 SENATOR JOE LIEBERMAN IS FOND OF POINTING OUT THAT IT IS  
3 FREEDOM OF RELIGION, NOT FREEDOM FROM RELIGION. MANY TIMES,  
4 WHILE STANDING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH THE A.C.L.U., I HAVE  
5 USED THIS QUOTE OVER AND OVER AGAIN FROM DR. MARTIN LUTHER  
6 KING, JR.: "OUR LIVES BEGIN TO END THE DAY WE BECOME SILENT  
7 ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER". I COULD NOT BE SILENT TODAY. IT  
8 MATTERS TO ME AND IT MATTERS TO MANY, MANY PEOPLE, NOT ONLY IN  
9 LOS ANGELES, BUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY. WE CANNOT REWRITE OUR  
10 HISTORY NOR SHOULD WE TRY. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, JANICE. MR. LABONGE?

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14 **TOM LABONGE:** YEAH, MR. KNABE, THANK YOU AND MEMBERS OF THE  
15 BOARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK IT'S REAL IMPORTANT THAT  
16 YOU LOOK AT THIS FROM HISTORIC CHARACTER. THIS WAS ORIGINALLY  
17 THE COUNTY SEAL, I UNDERSTAND, WAS THE SEAL OF GRAPES AND THEN  
18 IT WAS DECIDED TO BE DESIGNED AND MORE REFLECTIVE. I ALSO ASK-  
19 - REFLECTIVE OF THE REGION AND THE HISTORY. I ALSO ASK THAT  
20 YOU LOOK BACK IN YOUR FILES JUST TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANY  
21 DISCUSSION AT THAT TIME BECAUSE EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK AT THIS  
22 CITY AND THIS COUNTY, THERE'S PART OF HISTORY, PART OF HISTORY  
23 OF WHO WAS HERE BEFORE AND, AS MISS HAHN SPOKE, 223 YEARS AGO,  
24 44 PEOPLE WALKED NINE MILES TO THE RIVER LOS ANGELES TO FIND  
25 THIS CITY WHICH BECAME THIS GREAT COUNTY AND, NEXT TO OUR



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1 SEAL, BECAUSE OF PROBABLY POLICE STORY-RELATED TELEVISIONS,  
2 LIKE "DRAGNET", YOUR GREAT COUNTY SEAL HAS BEEN SEEN BY MORE  
3 PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD, THANKS TO "BAYWATCH" AND OTHER COUNTY  
4 PROGRAMS THAT HAVE WORKED IN COOPERATION WITH THE HOLLYWOOD  
5 FILM INDUSTRY. I THINK IT'S WRONG THAT YOU TAKE AWAY YOUR  
6 HISTORY. I THINK IT'S WRONG THAT YOU TRY TO CHANGE IT BECAUSE  
7 LOOK AT ALL THE STREET NAMES. YOU COULD CONCEIVABLY GO SO FAR  
8 AS TO SAY THAT SAN PEDRO AND SAN FERNANDO AND ON AND ON AND  
9 ON, IT IS A LARGER CHALLENGE. I THINK YOU SHOULD LOOK AT THE  
10 HISTORY AND UNDERSTAND THAT HISTORY AND I HOPE YOU MAKE THE  
11 RIGHT DECISIONS FOR THE PEOPLE OF COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR  
12 THE FUTURE, AS WELL AS THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
13 FOR THE PAST. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. KNABE.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU BOTH FOR COMING DOWN.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, COULD I ASK BOTH OF THEM ONE  
18 QUESTION?

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SURE.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D JUST LIKE TO ASK EACH OF YOU ONE  
23 QUESTION BECAUSE YOU MAKE THE HISTORICAL CASE, THE CASE THAT  
24 THE SEAL IS OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE. OF COURSE, THE SEAL  
25 WAS ONLY ADOPTED-- THIS SEAL WAS ADOPTED IN 1957. THE COUNTY



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1 IS CONSIDERABLY OLDER THAN THAT. BUT, NEVERTHELESS, WOULD YOU  
2 HAVE AN OBJECTION IF THE CROSS WERE REPLACED WITH A  
3 REPRESENTATION OF A MISSION TO REPRESENT THE ROLE OF THE  
4 MISSIONS AND THE MISSIONARIES?

5

6 **TOM LABONGE:** I WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT PERSONALLY AT  
7 ALL BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S WHAT IT'S ABOUT, THE MISSION  
8 INFLUENCE HERE. SO I WOULD NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT.

9

10 **JANICE HAHN:** YOU KNOW, IT'S-- CERTAINLY, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE  
11 DESCRIPTION, WHETHER IT'S ON THE WEBSITE OR A BROCHURE, ABOUT  
12 WHAT THE CROSS SYMBOLIZES, IT CERTAINLY SAYS IT'S THE  
13 INFLUENCE OF THE MISSIONS ON THE HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA. SO IF  
14 THAT'S A COMPROMISE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR AND IF YOU THINK THAT'S  
15 WHAT WILL PREVENT THE LAWSUIT, I CAN CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND  
16 THAT.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T KNOW THAT IT WOULD PREVENT THE  
19 LAWSUIT. I'M JUST TRYING TO EXPLORE.

20

21 **JANICE HAHN:** YEAH. IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A COMPROMISE TO  
22 PREVENT THAT, I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT. I THINK WHAT WE'RE HOPING  
23 FOR IS THAT THE COUNTY, BEING THE LARGEST COUNTY ANYWHERE,  
24 THAT YOU SORT OF STAND UP FOR THIS BECAUSE WE FEEL, IF YOU



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1 ACQUIESCE, IF YOU CAVE IN, SO TO SPEAK, THEN WE'RE NEXT, THE  
2 CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT FOR THE COUNTY TO STAND UP, IF I HEARD  
5 YOU CORRECTLY, YOUR CONCERN IS, BOTH YOU AND COUNCILMAN  
6 LABONGE, IS THAT THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SEAL, THAT  
7 THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTY NOT BE COMPROMISED IN SOME WAY.  
8 IT'S NOT THE CROSS, PER SE, THAT'S DRIVING THIS, IS IT?

9

10 **JANICE HAHN:** THAT'S TRUE. FOR INSTANCE, MANY PEOPLE DON'T  
11 REALIZE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS ROSARY BEADS AROUND OUR  
12 SEAL AND I'M NOT SURE THAT COULD BE REPLACED BY A MISSION. SO  
13 I THINK MY POINT IS, COUNTY SEALS WERE MADE UP, CITY SEALS, OF  
14 ICONS THAT WERE REPRESENTATIVE OF AN INFLUENCE OF, CERTAINLY,  
15 OF THE CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CALIFORNIA. SO IF THAT'S SOMETHING  
16 YOU THINK YOU NEED TO DO, BUT I GUESS WHAT I'M WONDERING IS...

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, IT'S NOT SOMETHING I THINK WE NEED TO  
19 DO. I JUST WAS TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT-- JUST UNDERSTAND  
20 WHAT YOUR VIEW IS BECAUSE I THINK YOUR VIEW IS VERY IMPORTANT  
21 SINCE YOU'RE ONE OF KENNY HAHN'S-- THE AUTHOR OF THIS SEAL'S  
22 OFFSPRING. SO IT'S MORE THAN JUST AN AVERAGE-- NOT THAT MR.  
23 LABONJE IS AVERAGE BUT-- HE'S GOT GOOD PARENTAGE, TOO. BUT,  
24 SERIOUSLY, I JUST WANTED TO UNDERSTAND WHETHER IT'S THE SYMBOL  
25 OF THE CROSS OR WHETHER IT'S THE HISTORICAL ROLE THAT THE





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1 MISSIONS PLAYED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND LOS  
2 ANGELES COUNTY. IF IT IS, THEN THERE MAY BE A NUMBER OF OTHER  
3 WAYS TO MAKE THAT-- TO REPRESENT THAT OTHER THAN A RELIGIOUS  
4 SYMBOL. NOW, I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE'S ANY REPRESENTATION IN  
5 OUR SEAL TO REFLECT THE ROLE OF THE NATIVE AMERICANS, WHO WERE  
6 HERE BEFORE ALL OF US.

7

8 **JANICE HAHN:** CERTAINLY, MY FATHER DIDN'T COME UP WITH EVERY  
9 SINGLE POSSIBLE SYMBOL TO REFLECT THE HISTORY OF THE COUNTY OF  
10 LOS ANGELES BUT CERTAINLY I THINK HE SPENT A LOT OF TIME  
11 DILIGENTLY CHOOSING THOSE THAT REALLY REPRESENTED, YOU KNOW,  
12 AT THAT TIME, WHAT HE THOUGHT. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT  
13 CONCERNS EVERYBODY, IS THAT, AS WE MOVE THROUGH HISTORY, AT  
14 WHAT POINT DO WE ALWAYS CHANGE SOMETHING BECAUSE OF A  
15 POSSIBLE, YOU KNOW, OFFENSE. AND I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY MORE  
16 OF THE ISSUE. THIS WAS-- THESE WERE ALL SYMBOLS, THESE WERE  
17 ALL ICONS. AGAIN, IT'S...

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THEY WERE SYMBOLS BUT THEY WERE A  
20 REFLECTION OF THE HISTORY.

21

22 **JANICE HAHN:** OF THE HISTORY. OF OUR HISTORY.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I MEAN, I THINK-- YOU KNOW, I UNDERSTAND  
25 WHAT YOU'RE SAYING ABOUT THE POTENTIAL COMPROMISE THERE BUT,



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1 ON THE OTHER HAND, WHAT YOU'RE DOING THEN, ONCE AGAIN, IS  
2 USING LITIGATION TO REWRITE HISTORY. AND, YOU KNOW, IF WE DO  
3 IT, THEN THE CITY COULD BE NEXT, THE OTHER COUNTY, I MEAN,  
4 WHATEVER IT MAY BE. SO, I MEAN, THAT IS A HUGE ISSUE ON  
5 REWRITING HISTORY THROUGH LITIGATION. YOU KNOW, I THINK...

6

7 **JANICE HAHN:** I THINK IT'S WHETHER OR NOT YOU DECIDE WHETHER OR  
8 NOT THAT CROSS IS IN ANY WAY PROMOTING OR ENCOURAGING OR  
9 FURTHERING, YOU KNOW, A PARTICULAR RELIGION. AND, IN THIS  
10 INSTANCE, BECAUSE IT IS PLACED IN SUCH A SMALL REFERENCE TO  
11 THE GODDESS POMONA, NO MORE DOES-- I DON'T BELIEVE THIS COUNTY  
12 IS PROMOTING PAGAN WORSHIP THAN I THINK THE SAME ARGUMENT  
13 WOULD BE YOU'RE NOT PROMOTING OR ENCOURAGING THE FURTHER-- THE  
14 FURTHERING OF CHRISTIANITY BY THAT CROSS.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I TAKE IT FURTHER, THAT MOST THINGS-- MOST  
17 PEOPLE-- THE PHONE CALLS WE WERE GETTING IN SUPPORT OF THE  
18 SEAL WAS THE FACT THAT MANY OF THEM DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT WAS  
19 ON IT. I MEAN, THE FACT IS, IT WASN'T THE CROSS IN THE MIDDLE  
20 OF THE SEAL BUT, YOU KNOW, AS YOU EXPLAIN TO THEM THE HISTORY  
21 OF THAT, YOU KNOW, IN RESPONSE TO YOUR COMMENT, I MEAN, ONE OF  
22 THE QUESTIONS THE PRESS ASKED ME, WELL, WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE  
23 THING ABOUT THE SEAL? WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT IT? AND MY  
24 COMMENT WAS THE HISTORY. WHAT IT REPRESENTS, WHAT THE THOUGHT  
25 PROCESS THAT YOUR FATHER PUT INTO THAT TO MAKE IT A REALITY,



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1 YOU KNOW, IN A WAY THAT EVERYONE SORT OF GATHERED AROUND IT  
2 AND THE HISTORY IT'S GATHERED. EVEN THOUGH IT MAY BE AS EARLY  
3 AS 1957, I THINK THE REFLECTION OF WHAT WE ARE TODAY AS THE  
4 LARGEST COUNTY IN AMERICA, IT REALLY POINTS OUT THE DIVERSITY  
5 OF WHAT WE DEAL WITH HERE EACH AND EVERY DAY.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MAY I JUST ASK A QUESTION?

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.

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11 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT WAS THE REASON TO CHANGE THE SEAL IN '57?

12

13 **JANICE HAHN:** WELL, YOU KNOW, WHEN MY FATHER BECAME A COUNTY  
14 SUPERVISOR IN 1932, THE COUNTY SEAL WAS A BUNCH OF GRAPES.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** '52.

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18 **JANICE HAHN:** '52, I'M SORRY. '52. I SHOULD KNOW. IT WAS THE  
19 YEAR I WAS BORN. IT WAS A BUNCH OF GRAPES AND SORT OF WAS THE  
20 YOUNG NEWCOMER ON THE BOARD WHO CHALLENGED EVERYTHING. I THINK  
21 HE SAID, YOU KNOW, WHY IS THIS A BUNCH OF GRAPES? AND THE  
22 OTHER-- EVERYONE THAT WAS THERE PRETTY MUCH SAID, GEE, THIS IS  
23 ALL WE HAVE. IF YOU THINK YOU CAN DO BETTER, WHY DON'T YOU--  
24 WHY DON'T YOU DESIGN THE COUNTY SEAL? AND HE FELT LIKE A  
25 COUNTY THE SIZE OF LOS ANGELES HAD SO MUCH MORE HISTORY, SO



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1 MUCH MORE INFLUENCE, SO MUCH MORE DIVERSITY THAN A BUNCH OF  
2 GRAPES THAT HE TOOK THAT CHALLENGE. AND, AGAIN, AS YOU ALL  
3 KNOW, HE TOOK SOMETHING FROM EVERY SINGLE SUPERVISORIAL  
4 DISTRICT AS PART OF THE COUNTY SEAL TO MAKE SURE HE HAD ALL  
5 HIS VOTES LINED UP AND THAT'S HOW HE CAME UP WITH ALL THE  
6 DIFFERENT INFLUENCES.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT WAS A GOOD QUESTION, ZEV. ASK THAT ONE  
9 AGAIN.

10

11 **JANICE HAHN:** HE USED TO TELL US IT WAS THE GODDESS RAMONA  
12 AFTER MY MOTHER BUT THEN I FOUND OUT THAT WAS DIFFERENT, IT  
13 WAS POMONA.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU KNOW, YOU ALWAYS HAVE THE ORWELLIAN TYPE  
16 OF ATTEMPT TO REWRITE HISTORY BUT THE GENESIS OF THE COUNTY OF  
17 LOS ANGELES, AS POINTED OUT, BEGAN IN THE 1700S WHEN, IN THE  
18 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, THEY BUILT A MISSION AND THAT WAS THE  
19 CENTER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND THEN, 12 YEARS LATER, THEY  
20 WALKED DOWNTOWN TO CREATE THE PUEBLO AND, EACH LABOR DAY, I  
21 KNOW I PARTICIPATED, TOM LABONJE HAS PARTICIPATED, AND OTHERS,  
22 THEY REENACT THAT. I HAVE A MEMBER OF MY STAFF WHOSE FAMILY  
23 WAS PART OF THE INDIAN TRIBE THAT WAS PART OF THE SAN GABRIEL  
24 VALLEY AND, AS DESCENDENTS, THEY CONTINUE TO WALK AND WE GIVE  
25 THEM PRESENTATIONS EACH YEAR AND THAT WAS THE GENESIS. AND



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1 THEN, A LITTLE LATER, THEY WENT OUT TO THE SAN FERNANDO  
2 VALLEY. BUT WE'RE CALLED THE ANGELS, THE COUNTY. AND, AFTER  
3 THE COUNTY WAS INCORPORATED IN 1850, LOS ANGELES CITY BECAME  
4 OUR FIRST CITY AND NOW WE HAVE 88 CITIES BUT LOS ANGELES WAS  
5 THE ANGELS. WE ARE THE ANGELS, COUNTY OF THE ANGELS, THE CITY  
6 OF THE ANGELS, THE LAND OF THE ANGELS. AND YOU HAVE ALL OF  
7 THESE VARIOUS RELIGIOUS NAMES BEING GIVEN FOR COMMUNITIES,  
8 CITIES...

9

10 **JANICE HAHN:** WELL, IN FACT, MORE ACCURATELY, WE ARE THE CITY  
11 OF THE QUEEN OF ANGELS, AND THE QUEEN OF ANGELS DEPICTED THE  
12 VIRGIN MARY. I MEAN, THAT'S REALLY WHAT IT WAS FOUNDED ON.  
13 THEY FOUND IT ON THE CHAPEL, ON THE WALL WAS THE VIRGIN MARY  
14 SURROUNDED BY ANGELS AND THEY DEPICTED IT AS THE QUEEN OF  
15 ANGELS WHICH WAS CLEARLY, YOU KNOW, THE VIRGIN MARY. SO IT'S  
16 ACTUALLY EVEN MORE SPECIFICALLY RELIGIOUS THAN THE NAME EVEN  
17 DENOTES TODAY. SO IT'S CERTAINLY A PART OF OUR HISTORY AND YOU  
18 DON'T HAVE TO BE, YOU KNOW, A PRACTICING CATHOLIC TO  
19 APPRECIATE THE HISTORY OF HOW WE WERE FOUNDED AND THE  
20 INFLUENCE ON US.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO WAS NAMED AFTER  
23 THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH, SACRAMENTO, THE SACRAMENTS. SO  
24 THAT'S THE GENESIS BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN WE ARE ALL OF A  
25 PARTICULAR DENOMINATION OR A PARTICULAR FAITH. SO THIS SYMBOL,



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1 AND ONE OF THE SMALLEST SYMBOLS ON THIS SEAL, IS THE CROSS.  
2 THE LARGEST SYMBOL IS THE PAGAN GODDESS AND THAT'S THE GODDESS  
3 OF FRUIT AND NUTS, AGRICULTURE, POMONA AND THAT WAS A ROMAN  
4 GODDESS. BUT WHAT WAS IRONIC ABOUT THE A.C.L.U., PAGAN GODDESS  
5 IS OKAY BUT A VERY SMALL CROSS WAS NOT. BUT YET THE CROSS IS  
6 SYMBOLIZING THE HISTORICAL ROOTS OF THIS COUNTY AND IT'S ONLY  
7 A REFLECTION OF THE HISTORY AND THE-- IN THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
8 THEY ALLOW THE CROSS ON THEIR SEAL. IN THE MURRAY CASE AND IN  
9 THE LEMON CASE, THIS IS VERY APPROPRIATE BECAUSE IT IS NOT  
10 CREATING A MESSAGE THAT WE ARE ALL PARTICULAR CHRISTIAN FAITH  
11 OR OF A CHRISTIAN MAJORITY TODAY. IT'S JUST REFLECTING OUR  
12 HISTORICAL ROOTS AND THAT'S HISTORY. AND NOW, YOU ALWAYS HAVE  
13 THE POLITICAL CORRECTNESS CROWD. THEY WANT TO REWRITE HISTORY  
14 BUT THAT'S NOT THE HISTORICAL FACTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
15 ANGELES AND EL CAMINO REAL, THE ORGANIZING AND INCORPORATING  
16 OF ALL OF THOSE CITIES IN CALIFORNIA.

17

18 **JANICE HAHN:** AND I THINK IF YOU REMAIN CONSISTENT THAT THERE  
19 IS NOT ONE ICON UP THERE THAT THIS COUNTY IS PROMOTING OR  
20 FURTHERING, AS CHAIRMAN KNABE SAYS, YOU KNOW, WE'RE NOT  
21 PROMOTING THE BEEF INDUSTRY. THAT JUST, AGAIN, IS A SYMBOL OF  
22 ONE OF THE MANY INDUSTRIES, AS IS THE TUNA, THE FISHING  
23 VESSEL. YOU'RE NOT PROMOTING THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL AS ANY OTHER  
24 CULTURAL HERITAGE FACILITY IN LOS ANGELES. IT'S A SYMBOL OF  
25 MANY. SO I THINK, IF YOU'RE CONSISTENT, THAT THERE IS NOT ONE





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1    ICON ON THAT SYMBOL THAT THIS COUNTY IS OFFICIALLY PROMOTING  
2    OR ENCOURAGING BUT, AGAIN, IT IS JUST SYMBOLS OF THE GREAT  
3    DIVERSITY AND INFLUENCE ON WHO WE ARE AS A PEOPLE.

4

5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN...

6

7    **LORRAINE MABBETT:** I HAVEN'T HAD A MOMENT TO SPEAK YET.

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9    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU WILL. YOU WILL.

10

11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD JUST-- YOU KNOW, WHATEVER OUR  
12    OPINIONS, INDIVIDUAL OPINIONS ARE AND WHATEVER OTHER ISSUES  
13    MAY BE AT PLAY, WE HAVE BEEN SERVED WITH A LETTER FROM THE  
14    AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION THAT ADDRESSES THIS ONE ISSUE  
15    AND ALL I WANT TO UNDERSTAND IS, IF THE ISSUE IS HISTORICAL,  
16    BECAUSE THAT'S NOT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, FROM WHAT I'VE BEEN  
17    TOLD, IT'S NOT THE WAY THE COUNTY ACTUALLY-- WHEN IT FILED THE  
18    SEAL WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE BACK IN THE LATE 1950S, IT  
19    WAS NOT SIMPLY HISTORICAL, IT WAS RELIGION WAS THE PHRASE THAT  
20    WAS USED, CHURCH...

21

22   **JANICE HAHN:** THE INFLUENCE OF THE CHURCH WHICH IS HISTORICAL.

23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK YOU CAN DISREGARD THE  
25    INFLUENCE OF THE MISSIONS. IN FACT, I SUSPECT MANY OF THE



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1 CITIES IN OUR COUNTY, IF MY MEMORY SERVES ME CORRECTLY, THE  
2 CITY OF SAN FERNANDO MAY HAVE A CARICATURE OF THE MISSION ON  
3 IT, A REPRESENTATION OF THE MISSION, AND MAYBE SAN GABRIEL AS  
4 WELL. I MAY BE OFF ON THAT BUT, IF HISTORY IS THE ISSUE, THERE  
5 ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS TO REFLECT THAT HISTORY VERY ACCURATELY,  
6 VERY SURGICALLY, WITHOUT COMING UP AGAINST WHAT IS CLEARLY, AS  
7 YOUR OWN CITY ATTORNEY AND AS YOUR OWN BROTHER WHEN HE WAS THE  
8 CITY ATTORNEY OPINED MANY TIMES ON A FIRST AMENDMENT ISSUE,  
9 ON-- YOU KNOW, THERE'S CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT CASES ON CITY  
10 HALL ITSELF. WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, MANY PEOPLE OLD ENOUGH TO  
11 REMEMBER, THEY USED TO LIGHT CITY HALL DURING THE HOLIDAY  
12 SEASON WITH A CROSS.

13

14 **TOM LABONGE:** THEY TURNED THE LIGHTS OFF.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY TURNED THE LIGHTS OFF EVERYWHERE ELSE  
17 AND WHAT WAS LEFT WAS THE SET OF LIGHTS THAT REPRESENTED A  
18 CROSS. THAT WAS STRUCK DOWN OR THE CITY WAS ENJOINED FROM  
19 DOING THAT, I THINK ABOUT THE TIME I BECAME A COUNCILMAN, JUST  
20 BEFORE, 1974, '75. THERE ARE A LOT OF ISSUES, A LOT OF CASES  
21 ALONG THE WAY, AND, RATHER THAN MAKE IT AN EXCLUSIVELY  
22 DIVISIVE THING, IF THERE IS A WAY TO SYNTHESIZE THE HISTORY,  
23 AND I THINK THERE IS, WITHOUT COMING UP AGAINST A FIRST  
24 AMENDMENT ISSUE, AND I'M NOT SURE THAT ANYTHING WOULD SATISFY  
25 THE PLAINTIFFS, MAYBE, MAYBE NOT, BUT THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING



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1 THAT WOULD BE WORTH EXPLORING. I REALLY DO THINK IT WOULD BE  
2 SOMETHING WORTH EXPLORING. IF THE ONLY WAY-- IF THE ARGUMENT  
3 IS THAT THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN REPRESENT THE HISTORY OF THE  
4 MISSIONARIES IN CALIFORNIA IS WITH A RELIGIOUS SYMBOL OF THE  
5 CROSS, THEN I HAVE A PROBLEM BECAUSE I DON'T THINK IT'S THE  
6 ONLY WAY AND THEN I THINK THERE'S ANOTHER ISSUE. I THINK THERE  
7 ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS TO DO THIS AND, JUST LIKE MR. ANTONOVICH  
8 AND MR. KNABE, I AM VERY COGNIZANT AND RESPECTFUL AND MINDFUL  
9 OF OUR HISTORY AND I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD RUN AWAY FROM OUR  
10 HISTORY. I DON'T THINK WE ARE BEING ASKED TO RUN AWAY FROM OUR  
11 HISTORY IF WE THINK CREATIVELY. I DON'T EVEN THINK IT'S THAT  
12 CREATIVE. SO I APPRECIATE, JUST BECAUSE THE TWO OF YOU CAME  
13 DOWN HERE, OTHERS, NOT TO EXCLUDE YOU, I'D LIKE OTHERS TO  
14 ADDRESS THAT ISSUE AS WELL BUT THAT YOU'RE OPEN TO OTHER WAYS  
15 OF REPRESENTING THAT HISTORY IF IT ADDRESSES THE ISSUES THAT  
16 HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH US. AND I THINK THEY WERE VERY SERIOUS  
17 ISSUES.

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19 **JANICE HAHN:** I THINK THAT'S RIGHT. I DO WILL ALSO SAY THAT MY  
20 FATHER, MANY TIMES, SPOKE OF THE ABILITY TO SEE THE CROSS THAT  
21 IS AT THE JOHN ANSON FORD THEATRE WHILE YOU'RE AT THE  
22 HOLLYWOOD BOWL. SO THE THOUGHT WAS YOU COULD ACTUALLY SEE THE  
23 STARS AND YOU CAN SEE THE CROSS FROM THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL. SO  
24 THAT'S ALSO, I THINK...

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THAT CROSS HAS ITS OWN HISTORY.

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3    **JANICE HAHN:** I KNOW IT DOES. I KNOW IT DOES.

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5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU MAY REGRET YOU RAISED IT, BECAUSE THAT  
6    COULD BE YOUR NEXT LAWSUIT. BUT THAT'S ANOTHER ISSUE.

7

8    **TOM LABONGE:** EXCEPT THAT'S YOUR ISSUE BECAUSE YOU SOLD THE  
9    PROPERTY TO SOMEBODY...

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11    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I DIDN'T. THE COUNTY DID...

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13    **TOM LABONGE:** THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

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15    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...BEFORE MOST OF OUR TIMES, IF NOT ALL OF  
16    OUR TIMES.

17

18    **TOM LABONGE:** RIGHT. BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY, MR. YAROSLAVSKY...

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20    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK WE SOLD IT FOR A DOLLAR, DIDN'T WE?  
21    ARE WE LEASING OR DID WE SELL IT?

22

23    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT WAS SOLD, I THINK, WAS THE HISTORY I  
24    READ.

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1   **JANICE HAHN:** THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT MILLIONS OF  
2   PEOPLE HAVE VIEWED THAT SCENE.

3

4   **TOM LABONGE:** BUT I WANT TO SAY, MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S POINT,  
5   THOUGH, ON THE MISSIONS. SAN GABRIEL IS THE OLDEST CITY IN THE  
6   COUNTY. THAT'S FROM WHAT GOT THE BIRTH OF LOS ANGELES TODAY  
7   LEFT THERE. SO THERE MAY BE SOME VERY STRONG ARGUMENTS TO HIS  
8   POINT IN SAN FERNANDO AS A MISSION IN THAT SYMBOL. BUT, ALSO,  
9   USUALLY ON TOP OF A MISSION, THEY HAVE A CROSS, ZEV, SO YOU'VE  
10   GOT TO ALTER IT A LITTLE BIT IN SOME WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT IT  
11   DOESN'T OFFEND ANYONE. ONE OF THE GREATEST VALUES.

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, HERE IS THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL'S  
14   MISSION AND THEY'VE ADDRESSED THAT PRETTY CLEARLY. I MEAN,  
15   THEIR SEAL, AND IT'S-- A MISSION IS THE DOMINANT THING.

16

17   **TOM LABONGE:** RIGHT.

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I GUESS IF YOU KNOW WHERE THE CROSS IS  
20   ON THE MISSION, YOU KNOW THAT THAT LITTLE VERTICAL STEM IS  
21   WHAT IT IS BUT IT'S NOT DISCERNABLE AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER  
22   MEETS THE TEST OR DOESN'T MEET THE TEST BUT THAT'S ONE  
23   REPRESENTATION.

24



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1   **TOM LABONGE:** RIGHT. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME  
2   TO SPEAK AS WELL AS JANICE. I STRONGLY BELIEVE IN THE  
3   SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE BECAUSE IT'S AN IMPORTANT VALUE  
4   OF AMERICA BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, OUR HISTORY IS VERY  
5   IMPORTANT, SO I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD LOOK AT IT. I BELIEVE  
6   WHAT YOU JUST SPOKE OF, JANICE, IT PROBABLY WAS IN CONTEXT TO  
7   THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT WHEN THEY WERE SITTING IN THE  
8   HOLLYWOOD BOWL AND THEY SAW WHAT WAS THEN A COUNTY FACILITY AT  
9   THAT TIME. SO I HOPE YOU MAKE THE BEST DECISION AND I WOULD  
10  LIKE TO SAY, AS A MEMBER OF THIS, I GUESS, SECOND CITY, MR.  
11  ANTONOVICH, OF THE COUNTY, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE THE BIGGEST CITY,  
12  WE SHOULD GET EVERYONE'S SEAL OUT HERE IN YOUR LOBBY SOMETIME  
13  SO WE COULD REALLY SEE HOW IMPORTANT ROLE YOU PLAY IN TAKING  
14  CARE OF ALL THE 88 CITIES IN THE COUNTY. I THANK YOU FOR THIS  
15  OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND I THANK JANICE HAHN AND I THANK HER  
16  GREAT FATHER, WHO WAS REALLY A CONTRIBUTOR TO ALL OF US IN LOS  
17  ANGELES. THANK YOU, MR. KNABE.

18

19  **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, JANICE. THANK YOU  
20  BOTH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME OVER. I KNOW YOU'VE GOT TO  
21  GET BACK TO THE COMMITTEE MEETING, SO WE APPRECIATE IT.  
22  LORRAINE, AND THEN I'M GOING TO CALL UP GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND  
23  KENNETH KLEINBERG.

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1   **LORRAINE MABBETT:** I THINK SOMETIMES THAT WE SHOULD REFER BACK  
2   TO SOME HISTORICAL ITEMS. ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID THAT IF YOU-- I  
3   BELIEVE IT WAS ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID IF YOU TELL A LIE LONG  
4   ENOUGH, PEOPLE WILL BEGIN TO BELIEVE IT, A BIG ENOUGH LIE LONG  
5   ENOUGH. AND, FIRST OF ALL, I THINK WE NEED TO ESTABLISH THAT  
6   THE FOUNDATION THAT THE A.C.L.U. IS BASING THIS PROPOSED  
7   LAWSUIT OF THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE IS NOT FOUND IN  
8   OUR CONSTITUTION. THERE'S NOTHING HAVING A CROSS OR A STAR OF  
9   DAVID OR ANY RELIGIOUS SYMBOL THAT WOULD INFRINGE ON ANYBODY'S  
10  FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS. THE SECOND THING IS, IF YOU LOOK ON  
11  YOUR DOLLAR BILL, THERE'S A SYMBOL ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE, I  
12  DON'T KNOW WHAT THE OFFICIAL TERMS ARE, THE BACK OF THE BILL  
13  AND THAT'S THE GREAT SEAL WHICH IS ALSO A MASONIC SYMBOL AND  
14  ALSO HAS SOME CONNOTATIONS TO 1776, WHICH SOME PEOPLE COULD  
15  FIND SOME GREAT OFFENSE TO. AND I THINK, IF YOU LOOK  
16  HISTORICALLY, I THINK IT WAS WINSTON CHURCHILL SAID IF YOU  
17  WILL NOT, AND I'M PARAPHRASING THIS AND BUTCHERING IT, BUT,  
18  ESSENTIALLY, IF YOU DO NOT FIGHT WHEN YOU HAVE THE  
19  OPPORTUNITY, THERE MAY COME A TIME WHEN YOU HAVE NOTHING LEFT  
20  TO DO BUT FIGHT. IT'S BE WORSE NOT TO. WE'RE IN A WAR, AND I'M  
21  NOT GOING TO DEBATE WHETHER WE SHOULD BE THERE OR NOT, BUT  
22  WE'RE IN A WAR IN A COUNTRY WHERE THEY REFUSE TO ALLOW  
23  ANYTHING BUT ONE RELIGION. AND I DO NOT SEE PUTTING A CROSS ON  
24  OUR SEAL AS ENDORSING A RELIGION. IN GREAT BRITAIN, IT'S  
25  CALLED THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND. THAT'S AN ENDORSEMENT OF A



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1 CHURCH BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE YOU JOIN THAT CHURCH. IT DOESN'T  
2 IMPRISON ANYBODY FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN OR NOT A CHRISTIAN, AND  
3 I THINK THAT THE A.C.L.U. CONTINUALLY CHIPS AWAY, CITY BY  
4 CITY, INSTITUTION BY INSTITUTION, LAW BY LAW WITH AN AGENDA TO  
5 COMPLETELY OBLITERATE FREEDOM OF RELIGION IN THIS COUNTRY,  
6 FREEDOM FROM RELIGION, FREEDOM OF RELIGION. AND MY CONCERN OF  
7 CHIPPING AWAY FROM A SYMBOL, ALBEIT I WOULD GUESS THAT THAT IS  
8 MORE REPRESENTATIVE OF WHAT YOU SAW NEAR THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL  
9 THAN OF THE MISSIONS, MY CONCERN IS THAT WE ARE BACKING DOWN  
10 ON SOMETHING WHICH THE A.C.L.U. CONTINUALLY WORKS AT CHIPPING  
11 AWAY AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE? THE COUNTY IS GOING TO INCUR GREAT  
12 EXPENSE. IF YOU'RE GETTING NUMEROUS PHONE CALLS THAT PEOPLE  
13 ARE SAYING THAT IT IS NOT OFFENSIVE, I WOULD NOT FIND IT  
14 OFFENSIVE IF YOU HAD A SYMBOL FOR A PARTICULAR DISTRICT THAT  
15 HAD A STAR OF DAVID UP THERE. IT WOULD BE REPRESENTATIVE OF  
16 THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WERE IN THAT DISTRICT OR THAT  
17 WHATEVER THAT WAS THERE. I WOULD NOT HAVE A-- IF I LIVED IN  
18 STATE OF UTAH, I WOULD NOT QUESTION WHY THEY HAD MORANI UP  
19 THERE BECAUSE THAT'S SYMBOLIC OF THEIR HISTORY. AND I THINK  
20 THAT THE QUESTION BECOMES NOT WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS SYMBOLIC  
21 BUT THE QUESTION BECOMES WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE STANDING UP TO  
22 A BULLY WHO CONTINUALLY, CONTINUALLY, CONTINUALLY DESTROYS  
23 PEOPLE'S RIGHTS.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GENEVIEVE?



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1  
2 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM  
3 EXTREMELY CONCERNED TO SEE WHAT THE A.C.L.U. WANT TO DO NOW.  
4 THEY ARE NEVER AROUND WHEN THERE REALLY IS A TRUE VIOLATION OF  
5 THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT. THEY WERE NOT HERE WHEN SUPERVISOR  
6 MOLINA PASSED A MOTION TO REALLY RESTRICT THE RIGHT TO SPEAK  
7 IN THE FIRST AMENDMENT. PERSONALLY, I HAD NEVER SEEN THE CROSS  
8 ON THE SEAL UNTIL THEY MENTIONED IT AND YOU CANNOT REWRITE  
9 HISTORY. AND I THINK THE MINUTE YOU GIVE UP THAT RIGHT AND  
10 CHANGE EVERY TIME SOMEBODY, YOU KNOW, IS NOT POLITICALLY  
11 CORRECT, MAYBE, YOU KNOW, LIKE YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, NOT TOO  
12 LONG AGO, SAID WHAT ABOUT REMOVING THE PAGAN. WOULD YOU ASK US  
13 TO REMOVE THE COW BECAUSE IT IS OFFENSIVE? AND WHERE DO WE  
14 STOP? THIS IS A SYMBOL. AND, MANY TIMES, SYMBOLS REPRESENT  
15 MANY THINGS TO MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE. AND PERSONALLY, MYSELF,  
16 LIKE I SAID, I HAD NEVER SAW THAT CROSS BEFORE. PERSONALLY,  
17 AFTER I SAW IT THE FIRST TIME, I THOUGHT OF THE MISSION, NOT  
18 OF SPECIFIC RELIGION IN PARTICULAR. I THINK YOU SHOULD FIGHT  
19 FOR IT. I THINK IF YOU WILL PUT A REFERENDUM, I'M SURE, IN  
20 THIS COUNTY, ALL THE PEOPLE WILL-- MOST OF THE PEOPLE WILL BE  
21 IN FAVOR OF KEEPING THE CROSS. AND, IF THE A.C.L.U. WANT IT SO  
22 BAD TO BE REMOVED, IF WE HAVE TO, BY COURT ORDER, WE SHOULD  
23 MAKE THEM PAY FOR THE COST TO CHANGE THE CROSS EVERYWHERE IN  
24 THE COUNTY. I MEAN, I THINK THAT WILL STOP THEIR FIGHTING, YOU  
25 KNOW, VERY QUICKLY. I THINK, RIGHT NOW, THEY ARE NOT IN THE



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1 LIMELIGHT. THEY WANT TO BE IN THE LIMELIGHT AND THAT'S THE WAY  
2 TO GET BACK ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THE PAPER. I THINK IT'S A  
3 LUDICROUS, FRIVOLOUS LAWSUIT AND I THINK YOU SHOULD FIGHT FOR  
4 IT. GO AT IT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. KENNETH KLEINBERG.

7

8 **KENNETH KLEINBERG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN AND  
9 SUPERVISORS.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME, KENNETH. I'M GOING TO ASK  
12 MICHAEL CHACON JOIN US UP HERE, PLEASE. YES, SIR, GO AHEAD.

13

14 **KENNETH KLEINBERG:** YES, THANK YOU. I AM AN ATTORNEY  
15 REPRESENTING THE SHEETS FAMILY. IT WAS MILLARD SHEETS, AN  
16 ARTIST, WHO CREATED THE COUNTY LOGO OR SEAL. I'VE SPOKEN WITH  
17 THE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE SOMEWHAT APPALLED BY WHAT'S GOING  
18 ON. THEY HAVE SOME CONCERNS WITH REGARD TO THE COUNTY'S  
19 ACTIVITY AS WELL AND WHAT RIGHTS THE COUNTY MAY OR MAY NOT  
20 HAVE, WHICH MAY NOT HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED. I KNOW I'VE SPOKEN  
21 WITH THE DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL REGARDING THIS MATTER QUITE  
22 RECENTLY. I'VE POINTED OUT CERTAIN STATUTORY AUTHORITY  
23 RELATING TO THE ALTERATION OF ARTWORK. THERE ARE CERTAIN  
24 CONTRACTUAL ISSUES BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND MILLARD SHEETS AT  
25 THE TIME WHICH HAVE YET TO BE ADDRESSED. I THINK, IN SOME



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1 RESPECTS, ANY DECISION AT THIS JUNCTURE WITHOUT RECOGNIZING OR  
2 DEALING WITH THE CONTRACTUAL ISSUES, INCLUDING WHAT RIGHTS THE  
3 COUNTY MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE, WHETHER OR NOT THIS WAS A WORK-  
4 FOR-HIRE MATTER ARE CERTAINLY-- ARE CERTAINLY IMPORTANT. I WAS  
5 FIRST APPROACHED BY THE SHEETS FAMILY JUST LAST THURSDAY  
6 MORNING AND SO I'VE KIND OF BEEN HARRIED IN ATTEMPTING TO  
7 GATHER TOGETHER DOCUMENTATION AND, AS IT HAPPENS, MILLARD  
8 SHEETS' DOCUMENTS ARE SCATTERED, LITERALLY, IN THE  
9 SMITHSONIAN, I'VE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH OTIS PARSONS, WHICH IS A  
10 SCHOOL WHICH WAS FOUNDED, AS A MATTER OF FACT, AT THE  
11 DIRECTION OF THIS BODY IN 1953 BY MILLARD SHEETS. AND I DON'T  
12 KNOW IF YOU ALL ARE AWARE OF WHO MILLARD SHEETS IS BUT A  
13 PRETTY EMINENT ARTIST, NATIONALLY, AND, IN FACT,  
14 INTERNATIONALLY, CERTAINLY ONE OF THE MOST RECOGNIZABLE  
15 ARTISTS IN CALIFORNIA. THIS SEAL WAS NOT JUST SOMETHING THAT  
16 WAS DASHED OFF THOUGHTLESSLY BUT, RATHER, AS HAS BEEN  
17 TESTIFIED TO BY MANY PEOPLE, SYMBOLIZES VARIOUS ASPECTS OF  
18 CALIFORNIA LIFE. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, FROM SPEAKING WITH THE  
19 SHEETS FAMILY, THAT THE CROSS, CONTRARY, APPARENTLY, TO THE  
20 DOCUMENTS WHICH I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS  
21 MENTIONED, AND I THINK HE'S RIGHT, AND THAT IS A SERIOUS  
22 CONCERN. I'VE SPOKEN WITH THE A.C.L.U. ATTORNEY THIS MORNING  
23 WHO APPARENTLY INDICATES THAT ONE OF THE REASONS THAT THEY  
24 HAVE FOUND THIS PARTICULAR CASE SO APPEALING AS OPPOSED TO  
25 SOME OTHERS IS THAT, APPARENTLY, THERE IS SOME DOCUMENTS WHICH



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1 WERE GENERATED BY THE COUNTY EARLY ON SEEMING TO SUGGEST THAT  
2 THE CROSS IS NOT THE SYMBOL OF THE MISSIONS BUT, RATHER,  
3 STANDS FOR RELIGION, AS I BELIEVE THE SUPERVISOR PREVIOUSLY  
4 STATED.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WAS CONTAINED, JUST TO REITERATE, IN  
7 THE COUNTY'S OFFICIAL FILING OF THE CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF  
8 STATE AFTER THE SEAL WAS ADOPTED IN THE LATE 1950S BY THE  
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS THE EXPLANATION-- AS PART OF THE  
10 EXPLANATION TO THAT.

11

12 **KENNETH KLEINBERG:** RIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THAT'S THE BASIS OF THE MISSION.

15

16 **KENNETH KLEINBERG:** WELL, I UNDERSTAND AND...

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MEAN, THAT'S JUST A HISTORICAL FACT. THAT'S  
19 WHY THEY BUILT THE MISSION. IT WASN'T A WAL-MART, IT WAS A  
20 MISSION.

21

22 **KENNETH KLEINBERG:** I UNDERSTAND.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THEN, MAYBE WE CAN'T HAVE A MISSION ON  
25 THERE, EITHER.





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1  
2 **KENNETH KLEINBERG:** YOU KNOW, AND I SUPPOSE ALL OF THESE THINGS  
3 ARE POSSIBLE. I WOULD SUGGEST-- WELL, I HAVE A NUMBER OF  
4 THINGS. FIRST OF ALL, LAST THURSDAY, AS I SAID, I BECAME THE  
5 RECIPIENT OF THIS INFORMATION THURSDAY NIGHT. I WENT TO MY  
6 FOURTH GRADE SON'S SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND, OF COURSE, IN FOURTH  
7 GRADE, THEY STUDY THE MISSIONS. AND THERE, IN MISSION AFTER  
8 MISSION, GUESS WHAT WAS ON THE MISSION? OF COURSE, THE CROSS.  
9 AS I DROVE UP HERE TODAY, STUCK IN TRAFFIC ON THE 101, I  
10 LOOKED AT THE LITTLE DIVIDERS THAT, YOU KNOW, DIVIDE ONE PIECE  
11 OF, YOU KNOW, ONCOMING TRAFFIC FROM THE OTHER ON THE 101, AND  
12 THERE'S LITTLE MISSIONS THERE AND GUESS WHAT EACH ONE OF THEM  
13 HAS? PERHAPS NOT ON TOP BUT THERE'S A LITTLE CROSS THERE. THE  
14 MISSIONS WERE RELIGIOUS BUT I THINK ONE OF THE DILEMMAS AND  
15 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT GIVES ME A FIT, IF YOU WILL HERE, IS  
16 THE LACK OF RECOGNITION OF SYMBOLISM IN A CASE THAT'S ALL  
17 ABOUT SYMBOLISM. THE A.C.L.U. DECRIES THAT THIS IS-- THAT THE  
18 CROSS IS THE SYMBOL OF CHRISTIANITY AND, OF COURSE, IT WOULD  
19 BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR ANY OF US TO, WITH A STRAIGHT FACE,  
20 ARGUE THAT. BUT SYMBOLS DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE ONE MEANING AND  
21 CAN BE USED IN DIFFERENT MEANINGS. AND I THINK IT WAS  
22 IRRESPONSIBLE OF THE A.C.L.U. TO NOT INVESTIGATE THE MEANING  
23 OF THE CROSS IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE. THE FAMILY OF  
24 MILLARD SHEETS HASN'T BEEN CONTACTED BY THE A.C.L.U. IN FACT,  
25 THE GENTLEMAN I SPOKE WITH THIS MORNING, WHO I BELIEVE IS THE



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1 SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO'S BEEN IN CONTACT WITH COUNTY COUNSEL,  
2 SEEMED TO THINK THAT THIS WAS ALL VERY, VERY NOVEL AND,  
3 CERTAINLY, AT LEAST IN MY DISCUSSION WITH HIM, DIDN'T HAVE AN  
4 UNDERSTANDING OF THE-- OF THE ARTISTIC SYMBOLISM. I MEAN, THE  
5 COW, I MEAN, I SUPPOSE, YOU KNOW, ONE COULD, YOU KNOW, STRETCH  
6 AND SAY, WELL, PERHAPS THAT'S A SYMBOL OF BUDDHISM, THE SACRED  
7 COW, IF YOU WILL. THE FISH, I SUPPOSE WE COULD CALL THE FISH  
8 THINGS. THINGS CAN HAVE DIFFERENT MEANINGS IN DIFFERENT  
9 CONTEXT AND TO, FOR SOME REASON, SUGGEST THAT THE ARTIST'S  
10 INTENT IN UTILIZING THAT PARTICULAR SYMBOL FOR THIS PARTICULAR  
11 PURPOSE TO REPRESENT THE MISSION IS ABSURD AND LUDICROUS. AND  
12 ALL I CAN SAY IS DON'T YOU DARE CAVE INTO THIS. AND I SAY  
13 THIS, BY THE WAY, AS AN ATHEIST AND AN A.C.L.U.'ER, A CARD-  
14 CARRYING A.C.L.U.'ER. AND I THINK THIS IS JUST ABHORRENT, JUST  
15 ABHORRENT. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17 **KENNETH KLEINBERG:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. CHACON?

20

21 **MICHAEL CHACON:** HELLO, BOARD MEMBERS. I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS. I  
22 DON'T THINK YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, I REALLY DON'T  
23 AND I'M GOING TO TELL YOU WHY. I KNOW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE  
24 BOARD ARE ALL SWORN CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS. SO ARE THE  
25 JUDICIAL OFFICERS IN THE STATE NATION WHO MAY HAVE AN OCCASION



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1 TO BE HEARING SUCH CASES CONCERNING LEGAL ISSUES SURROUNDING  
2 GOD, CHRIST, POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS AND THE CONGREGATIONS THAT  
3 WORSHIP GOD AND CHRIST. I THINK IT IS HIGH TIME THE SWORN  
4 CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND, RIGHT NOW,  
5 ESPECIALLY A.C.L.U. LAWYERS ALL BECOME ACUTELY AWARE OF WHAT  
6 THAT CONSTITUTIONAL OATH INCLUDES AND WHAT IT REALLY MEANS.  
7 CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS HAVE SWORN TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND A  
8 UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION THAT LEGALLY AND OFFICIALLY INVOKES  
9 THE LORD. THE LORD INVOKED IN THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION  
10 IS NONE OTHER THAN THAT OF CHRIST OF BIBLICAL FAME. WITH A  
11 LITTLE BIT OF RESEARCH, ANYONE WANTING PROOF OF THIS WILL  
12 READILY FIND IT. HERE IS THE EXACT CONSTITUTIONAL QUOTE FROM  
13 OUR UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION THAT INVOKES THE LORD AND THIS  
14 WAS DONE WHERE THE FRAMERS SIGNED THIS MOST IMPORTANT DOCUMENT  
15 INTO LEGISLATION WHICH NOW HAS LEGAL PRECEDENCE OVER  
16 EVERYTHING THAT WE DO AND EVERYONE LOOKS AT THE CONSTITUTION.  
17 I CAN'T COUNT HOW MANY TIMES WE'VE HEARD ABOUT THE FIRST  
18 AMENDMENT TODAY ON THIS ISSUE BUT HERE IS THE QUOTE: "THE  
19 FRAMERS SIGNED THAT CONSTITUTION AND IT WAS DONE IN CONVENTION  
20 BY THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE STATES PRESENT THE 17TH DAY OF  
21 SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD." NOW, IF THAT LORD ISN'T  
22 JESUS, THE CHRIST OF BIBLICAL FAME, I DON'T KNOW WHO IT IS.  
23 THE TERM "IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD" COMES FROM ANNI DOMINI,  
24 WHICH IS LATIN FOR "IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD" OR, MORE  
25 IMPORTANTLY, ANNI DOMINI NOSTRI JESU CHRISTI, "THE YEARS OF



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1 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE TERM IS IT COMMONLY ABBREVIATED AS  
2 A.D., AS OPPOSED TO B.C., WHICH MEANS BEFORE CHRIST. SO,  
3 BEFORE THE A.C.L.U. GOES PICKING ON ANY LITTLE TINY CROSS ON  
4 THE SEAL AND LIKELY COSTING TAXPAYERS UNTOLD THOUSANDS OF  
5 DOLLARS IN LITIGATION COSTS, PERHAPS THEY MIGHT CARE TO PICK  
6 ON SOMEONE THEIR OWN SIZE OR BIGGER. IF THE A.C.L.U. WAS SO  
7 TOUGH AND BELIEVES IT HAS A RIGHTEOUS CAUSE, LET THEM PICK ON  
8 GOD IN CHRIST WHERE THEY ARE HELD IN THE HIGHEST NATIONAL  
9 ESTEEM. LET THEM FIRST ATTACK THE LEGAL AND OFFICIAL  
10 INVOCATION OF GOD AND CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES  
11 CONSTITUTION. I DON'T THINK THAT THERE CAN BE ANY DENYING THAT  
12 THIS DOES EXIST AND ANYBODY THAT WANTS TO LOOK AT IT IS GOING  
13 TO FIND THAT IT'S TRUE. THESE LAWYERS ARE USING THE LAWS UNDER  
14 THE CONSTITUTION TO SUBVERT IT AND TO USURP IT AND IT'S SIMPLY  
15 OUTRAGEOUS. I HAPPEN TO BE FAIRLY KNOWLEDGEABLE IN MATTERS OF  
16 GOD. HE SPEAKS TO ME. HE'S BEEN SPEAKING TO ME FOR SEVEN  
17 YEARS. IT'S THE MOST FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE THAT I'VE EVER HAD  
18 BUT I'M TELLING YOU THAT HE'S REAL AND, IF HE'S REAL, THEN  
19 RELIGION TAKES A BACK SEAT TO THE GOD IN CHRIST WHO, IF THEY  
20 DO EXIST, THEY ARE NOT-- THEY CANNOT BE CONSIDERED RELIGION  
21 ANY MORE THAN YOU CAN BE CONSIDERED RELIGIONS AND, IF YOU LOOK  
22 AT THIS COUNCIL HERE, I THINK YOU'LL FIND THAT, REALLY WHEN  
23 YOU LOOK AT IT, THERE'S VERY LITTLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE LAW  
24 OF MOSES OR LEVITICAL LAW AND THE LAWS WE PASS HERE IN BOARDS  
25 LIKE THESE. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS IS THAT, IN ONE RELIGIOUS



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1 ORGANIZATION, THE GOD THAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE MAKER OR  
2 THE CREATOR OF THE LAWS IS DEIFIED, WHERE IT'S JUST PEOPLE  
3 MAKING LAWS. POLITICS IS RELIGION AND RELIGION IS POLITICS  
4 AND, IF YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE WITH THESE PEOPLE, I'D BE HAPPY  
5 TO STEP UP AND DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US AND I  
8 THINK, YOU KNOW, THE CONCERN THAT HAS BEEN EXPRESSED HERE  
9 TODAY IS, YOU KNOW, WHERE DOES THIS ALL END? AND I THINK,  
10 REGARDLESS OF WHAT-- WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE HISTORY, AND I  
11 GUESS THE SHOCKING THING TO MOST PEOPLE, BECAUSE WE LIVE IT  
12 EVERY DAY, MOST PEOPLE DIDN'T REALIZE THERE WAS A CROSS EVEN  
13 ON THE SEAL. MOST THOUGHT IT WAS STARS. I THINK THAT, IN EVERY  
14 EXPLANATION THAT WE'VE EVER HANDED OUT ABOUT THE SEAL, IT  
15 TALKS ABOUT THE CROSS REPRESENTING THE INFLUENCE OF CHURCH AND  
16 THE MISSIONS OF CALIFORNIA. AND WHAT WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO DO IS  
17 REWRITE HISTORY THROUGH LITIGATION AND WE CAN'T WIN FOR LOSING  
18 THIS THING. I MEAN, THE ISSUE HERE IS ONE, IF WE FIGHT IT, WE  
19 FIGHT IT, SPEND THE MONEY, DO THAT. IF WE LOSE, THEN WE HAVE  
20 TO REDO THE SEAL. WHAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME IS THE  
21 A.C.L.U. IS ON ONE SIDE OF THE ISSUE AS IT RELATES TO SUING US  
22 OVER A HUNDRED BEDS AT COUNTY U.S.C. HOSPITAL OR SUING US OVER  
23 RANCHO LOS AMIGOS TO KEEP IT OPEN. THEN, THE NEXT DAY ASKING  
24 US TO MAKE THESE SIGNIFICANT DOLLAR CHANGES. AND I UNDERSTAND  
25 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND I UNDERSTAND THAT DOLLARS CAN MAKE A



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1 DIFFERENCE, BUT, TO ME, THIS IS ARROGANCE OF POWER BECAUSE,  
2 FOR EVERY DOLLAR WE SPEND, AND IF WE WORK VERY HARD MAKING  
3 \$279 MILLION WORTH OF CUTS OVER THE LAST YEAR, A POTENTIAL  
4 ANOTHER HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF CUTS, EVERY DOLLAR WE  
5 SPEND AND EVERY OUNCE OF ENERGY WE SPEND ON THIS PARTICULAR  
6 ISSUE TAKES AWAY FROM OUR HOSPITAL, TAKES AWAY FROM OUR  
7 CLINICS, LIBRARIES, PARKS, DEPUTY SHERIFFS ON THE STREET,  
8 FIREFIGHTERS, WHATEVER IT MAY BE. AND SO, TO ME, THIS IS A  
9 COMPLETE ARROGANCE OF POWER AND IT IS AN ISSUE THAT THE TIMING  
10 IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG. WITH THE ISSUES GOING ON IN THIS COUNTY  
11 AND THIS STATE, THE BUDGET ISSUE WE'RE CONFRONTED WITH, WE  
12 SHOULD NOT HAVE TO SPEND A DIME'S WORTH OF MONEY OR AN OUNCE  
13 WORTH OF ENERGY ON THIS BUT YET, YOU KNOW, FIGURING OUT A WAY  
14 TO DEAL WITH OUR BUDGET ISSUES IN THE NEXT HUNDRED MILLION  
15 DOLLARS WORTH OF CUTS THAT WE HAVE TO FIGHT. SO I WOULD JUST  
16 ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON THIS MOTION TO MOVE  
17 FORWARD TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT. I THINK THAT, IF THERE'S AN  
18 OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION, YOU KNOW, SO BE IT, BUT I DO NOT  
19 THINK WE SHOULD CAPITULATE. AS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN AMERICA,  
20 IF WE ROLL OVER NOW, WHAT'S NEXT? [ APPLAUSE ]

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO-- FIRST OF ALL,  
23 I'D LIKE TO-- I'M GOING TO MAKE A MOTION THAT WE REFER THIS  
24 INTO CLOSED SESSION SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH OUR  
25 COUNSEL AND I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO THE LEGAL COUNSEL'S





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1 OPINION THAT HE HAS GIVEN US IN THE PUBLIC SESSION BUT I DO  
2 WANT TO JUST RAISE, SINCE YOU RAISED THE FINANCIAL ISSUE, JUST  
3 SO WE HAVE THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF RISK, WHICH IS, IF WE FIGHT  
4 THIS-- AND I'M ASKING YOU A QUESTION, RAY. IF WE FIGHT THIS  
5 AND LOSE, CAN YOU-- ARE WE LIABLE FOR NOT ONLY OUR OWN  
6 ATTORNEYS' COSTS BUT ALSO THE ATTORNEY'S FEES, POTENTIALLY  
7 LIABLE FOR THE ATTORNEYS' FEES OF THE LAWYERS ON THE OTHER  
8 SIDE?

9

10 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
11 THERE WOULD NO DOUBT BE A MOTION BY THE A.C.L.U., IF THEY WERE  
12 TO PREVAIL, TO RECOVER NOT ONLY THEIR COSTS BUT THEIR  
13 ATTORNEYS' FEES.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, THAT'S A GIVEN.

16

17 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** AND IT IS-- I WOULD NOT SAY THAT IT IS A  
18 GIVEN BUT THE CASES DO TEND TO STAND FOR THE PROPOSITION THAT  
19 VINDICATION OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OFTEN TIMES ACCOMPANY-- ARE  
20 ACCOMPANIED BY AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO THERE IS A RISK AND THIS IS ONE OF  
23 THOSE CASES WHICH, IF IT WENT, IT WOULDN'T STOP AT THE TRIAL  
24 COURT LEVEL OR AT THE INJUNCTION LEVEL. IT WOULD BE APPEALED  
25 BY WHOEVER LOSES, WITHOUT A DOUBT. SO I JUST THINK THAT'S A



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1 CONSIDERATION. MR. CHAIRMAN, I JUST-- I'VE READ THE CLIPS  
2 WHILE I WAS GONE AND SOME OF THE COMMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE  
3 ABOUT THE A.C.L.U., GOD KNOWS I HAVE NOT AGREED WITH THE  
4 A.C.L.U. ON A LOT OF THINGS THEY'VE DONE, BUT THE ONE THING  
5 THAT THE A.C.L.U. DOES IS, YOU KNOW, IT TAKES ON UNPOPULAR  
6 POSITIONS. AND SOMETIMES WE AGREE WITH THOSE UNPOPULAR  
7 POSITIONS AND SOMETIMES WE DON'T AGREE WITH THOSE UNPOPULAR  
8 POSITIONS. AND THEY'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES WHO ARE ORGANIZED AND  
9 INCORPORATED FOR JUST THAT PURPOSE. THEY HAVE DEFENDED THE  
10 AMERICAN NAZI PARTY IN MY LIFETIME ON THEIR RIGHTS TO FREE  
11 SPEECH. I DID NOT APPRECIATE THAT BUT I ALSO DID NOT OPPOSE  
12 THAT. THAT'S THEIR RIGHT TO REPRESENT AND EVERYBODY HAS A  
13 RIGHT TO A DAY IN COURT. SO, TO VILIFY THEM OVER THIS, I MEAN,  
14 WE CAN DISAGREE WITH THEM, BUT TO VILIFY THEM OVER WHAT  
15 THEY'RE DOING IS A BIT OVER THE TOP AND I THINK THAT THE WAY I  
16 WOULD LIKE TO SEE US RESPOND IS TO TRY TO ENGAGE THEM IN A  
17 CONVERSATION. I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION. WE  
18 NEED TO GO INTO THIS, HAVE MR. FORTNER LAY OUT THE RISKS BOTH  
19 WAYS, OF EITHER FIGHTING TO PRESERVE THE SEAL THE WAY IT IS OR  
20 MAKING MODIFICATIONS AND THEN SEEING IF THE MODIFICATION THAT  
21 WE MIGHT, AS A GROUP, MIGHT HAVE A CONSENSUS ON WOULD BE  
22 AMENABLE TO THE PLAINTIFFS IN THIS CASE AND I'M NOT SURE IT  
23 WOULD. AND, AFTER HEARING SOME OF THE COMMENTS ABOUT MISSIONS  
24 AND WHAT THEY REPRESENT FROM SOME PEOPLE, MAYBE THAT WON'T DO  
25 AT THE END OF THE DAY. I DON'T KNOW. THE LAST THING I WOULD



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1 SAY IS-- AND I WOULD APPEAL TO EVERYBODY ON THIS, I JUST THINK  
2 IT'S VERY, VERY IMPORTANT, WHENEVER YOU'RE DEALING WITH AN  
3 ISSUE LIKE THIS, TO TRY TO WALK A MILE IN THE OTHER GUY'S  
4 SHOES. IT MAY NOT BE AN ISSUE FOR ANY OF US OR FOR ALL OF US  
5 BUT IT MAY BE AN ISSUE TO OTHERS AND, WHETHER YOU AGREE WITH  
6 IT OR YOU DON'T AGREE WITH IT, WHETHER YOU AGREE WITH PEOPLE  
7 WHO ARE OFFENDED OR YOU DON'T AGREE WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE  
8 OFFENDED, WHETHER THEY ARE OFFENDED BECAUSE ONE RELIGIOUS  
9 SYMBOL IS ON THE SEAL OR WHETHER ANY RELIGIOUS SYMBOL IS ON  
10 THE SEAL, RESPECT SOMEBODY ELSE'S OPINION. YOU DON'T HAVE TO  
11 AGREE WITH IT BUT WALK A MILE IN THEIR SHOES. AND, UNTIL  
12 YOU'VE WALKED A MILE IN THEIR SHOES, I THINK YOU'RE AT A  
13 DISADVANTAGE IN UNDERSTANDING WHY THIS MEANS A LOT TO SOME  
14 PEOPLE. IT MEANT A LOT IN THE EDMOND, OKLAHOMA CASE THAT I AM  
15 FAMILIAR WITH BECAUSE IT'S SO SIMILAR TO OUR SEAL, ALMOST  
16 IDENTICAL IN ITS SIZE AND ITS PROPORTION OF THE SEAL. I  
17 BELIEVE IT WAS A NATIVE AMERICAN GROUP IN THAT CASE THAT  
18 BROUGHT THE SUIT IN THAT SITUATION, I DON'T REMEMBER, BUT NOT  
19 EVERYBODY, NOT EVERYBODY SEES IT THE SAME WAY I SEE IT AND NOT  
20 EVERYBODY SEES IT THE SAME WAY YOU SEE IT. AND I JUST URGE  
21 THAT EVERYBODY JUST CATCH THEIR BREATH AND SEE IF THERE'S A  
22 WAY THAT WE CAN ADDRESS THE ISSUE THAT HAS BEEN RAISED BECAUSE  
23 THERE IS NO QUESTION, THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO QUESTION, AND I  
24 DIDN'T HAVE TO GET THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OPINION ON THIS TO  
25 KNOW THIS BEFORE COMING TO THIS CONCLUSION, THAT WE ARE-- WE



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1 FACE A SERIOUS FIRST AMENDMENT CHALLENGE. THERE IS NO DOUBT  
2 ABOUT IT. THERE ARE PLENTY OF CASES. REDLANDS JUST TOOK A  
3 CROSS OFF THEIR SEAL TO AVERT LITIGATION. THERE'S ANOTHER ONE  
4 IN THE LAST WEEK, ANOTHER JURISDICTION-- WHICH ONE IS IT? IS  
5 IT SIMI VALLEY THAT IS-- I READ ON THE INTERNET, IN A REPORT  
6 ON THE INTERNET, IS LOOKING AT MODIFYING THE SEAL IN ORDER TO  
7 AVOID THIS KIND OF LITIGATION BECAUSE VIRTUALLY EVERY CASE IN  
8 THIS CIRCUIT, NINTH CIRCUIT, AND VIRTUALLY EVERY CASE IN THE  
9 COUNTRY, VIRTUALLY, WITH ONE EXCEPTION, EVERY CASE IN THE  
10 COUNTRY, THE COURTS HAVE STRUCK DOWN ANY RELIGIOUS SYMBOLISM  
11 ON AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT SEAL. THAT'S THE FACT. SO I THINK  
12 IT'S A FAIR STATEMENT TO SAY THAT, AS WE PROCEED, IF WE DID  
13 DECIDE TO DEFEND THE SEAL AS IT IS, WE ARE CLIMBING A VERY  
14 STEEP LEGAL MOUNTAIN WHICH COULD COST US A GOOD-- A PRETTY  
15 PENNY. BUT, ASIDE FROM THE COST, THERE'S A BIGGER ISSUE, WHICH  
16 IS HOW DO YOU REPRESENT THE HISTORY THAT THE SEAL PURPORTS TO  
17 REPRESENT OR THAT WE PURPORT TO REPRESENT THE SEAL'S  
18 HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE WITHOUT RUNNING AFOUL OF THE FIRST  
19 AMENDMENT? THIS IS NOT ABOUT THE GODDESS OF POMONA. WE HAVE  
20 NOT BEEN SUED ABOUT THE GODDESS OF POMONA. WE HAVE NOT BEEN  
21 SUED ABOUT THE COW. WE HAVE NOT BEEN SUED ABOUT THE STARS OVER  
22 THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL AND WE HAVEN'T BEEN SUED ABOUT THE  
23 HOLLYWOOD BOWL. WE'VE BEEN SUED ABOUT A RELIGIOUS SYMBOL AND  
24 THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH. THAT'S THE ONLY ISSUE BEFORE  
25 US AND IT'S GOING TO BE THE ONLY ISSUE BEFORE A FEDERAL COURT,



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1 IF THAT'S WHAT ENDS UP HAPPENING. SO I-- YOU KNOW, I'M TORN ON  
2 THIS. I DON'T PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT ANY RELIGIOUS SYMBOL ON  
3 ANY GOVERNMENT SEAL IS APPROPRIATE. THAT'S MY PERSONAL  
4 OPINION. THAT'S THE WAY I WAS RAISED. IT'S THE WAY I WAS  
5 TAUGHT THE CONSTITUTION. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD HAVE  
6 ANY RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS ON OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS. IT  
7 JUST-- IT WOULD AVOID THIS KIND OF A DISCUSSION AND THEN  
8 NOBODY HAS TO WORRY ABOUT IT. THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE AN  
9 OBLIGATION TO PUT A RELIGIOUS SYMBOL ON A SEAL. I THINK THE  
10 GOVERNMENT HAS AN OBLIGATION TO BE-- TO TREAT-- TO AVERT THIS  
11 KIND OF AN APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR HOWEVER DIFFERENT  
12 PEOPLE MAY INTERPRET IT. THAT'S MY VIEW. I DON'T WANT A STAR  
13 OF DAVID ON THE SEAL. I DON'T WANT A CRESCENT ON THE SEAL. I  
14 DON'T WANT ANYTHING ON THE SEAL BUT, IF THERE IS A HISTORICAL  
15 ISSUE, AND THERE IS, I WILL BE THE FIRST TO-- THERE'S NO DOUBT  
16 ABOUT IT. I THINK WE NEED-- WE CAN FIND A WAY, I HOPE WE CAN  
17 FIND A WAY TO ADDRESS IT. IF WE CAN'T, THEN WE CAN'T. BUT THIS  
18 IS A-- THIS IS NOT A-- THIS IS NOT A SIMPLE ISSUE FOR PEOPLE  
19 AND IT'S NOT A POPULAR ISSUE. NOBODY-- YOU'RE RIGHT, DON,  
20 NOBODY WINS IN THIS KIND OF A DEBATE EXCEPT THE RULE OF LAW.  
21 AND, WHETHER WE FIGHT IT OR WE DON'T FIGHT IT, ONE WAY OR THE  
22 OTHER, THE LAW WILL-- THE RULE OF LAW WILL PREVAIL, WHETHER WE  
23 INITIATE SOMETHING OR WHETHER IT'S INITIATED AGAINST US.  
24  
25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MIKE?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S INTERESTING, ON THE RELIGIOUS BASIS OF

3 THIS, OF OUR STATES, ALL 50 STATES, IN THEIR PREAMBLE OR THEIR

4 CONSTITUTION, MENTION REFERENCE TO GOD. CALIFORNIA'S

5 CONSTITUTION SAYS, "WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

6 ARE GRATEFUL TO ALMIGHTY GOD FOR OUR FREEDOM TO SECURE AND

7 PERPETUATE ITS BLESSINGS TO ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITUTION." BUT

8 ALL 50 STATES, THEY HAVE A REFERENCE TO GOD AND THAT WAS JUST

9 A BASIS, A HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE TO THE COUNTY, TO THE STATES,

10 TO THE CITIES IN THIS UNITED STATES. BUT THE AMERICAN CIVIL

11 LIBERTIES UNION HAS ALWAYS TAKEN SOME VERY DESTRUCTIVE POINTS

12 OF VIEW. I MEAN, THEY'RE ADVOCATING NO PROHIBITIONS ON CHILD

13 PORNOGRAPHY. WELL, CONGRESS HAS VOTED THAT CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

14 IS WRONG AND THEY TRIED TO LEGISLATE THAT. A.C.L.U. BROUGHT

15 LAWSUITS AGAINST MILITARY CHAPLAINS AND PRISON CHAPLAINS YET

16 THE UNITED STATES MILITARY DO HAVE MILITARY CHAPLAINS AND OUR

17 PRISONS DO HAVE PRISON CHAPLAINS BECAUSE THE PEOPLE SAID IT

18 WAS RIGHT AND WE DO NOT HAVE SEPARATION FROM RELIGION. WE HAVE

19 SEPARATION OF RELIGION. AND THE ISSUE OF "IN GOD WE TRUST".

20 YOU LOOK ON YOUR DOLLAR BILL, EVEN HAVE THE STAR OF DAVID ON

21 THE DOLLAR BILL WITH THE 13 COLONIES, THE STARS, AND THE--

22 WHEN-- I GUESS IT WAS FRANKLIN, WHEN HE DESIGNED THE "IN GOD

23 WE TRUST" IN THE CURRENCY ABOVE THE-- THE LATIN PHRASE ABOVE

24 THE PYRAMID SAYS, "GOD HAS FAVORED OUR UNDERTAKING" AND THEN

25 THEY HAVE THE ALL-SEEING GOD. BUT THE A.C.L.U., THEY OPPOSE





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1 SOBRIETY CHECKPOINTS. THEY SUPPORT FULL LEGALIZATION OF DRUGS.  
2 THEY OPPOSE TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES BUT  
3 SUPPORT TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR SATANIST GROUPS. SO WE'RE SUPPOSED  
4 TO RECOGNIZE THEM BECAUSE THEY TAKE CONTRARY POSITIONS. SOME  
5 PEOPLE FEEL THAT THAT'S THEIR RIGHT, TO TAKE THAT CONTRARY  
6 POSITION, BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH  
7 THAT POSITION. TO WALK INTO ANOTHER PERSON'S SHOES ARE FINE  
8 BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHOSE FEET IN THOSE WRONG SHOES  
9 ARE GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION, BE IT A CRIMINAL OR A PERSON  
10 WHO MAKES THE WRONG DECISION. YOU SHOULD HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING  
11 BUT THAT PERSON SHOULD ALSO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR  
12 VIEWS AND YOUR CONCERNS AND, TOGETHER, WE HAVE A GREAT  
13 COMMUNITY AND WE LOOK AT THE DIVERSITIES THAT WE HAVE AND WE  
14 APPRECIATE THAT BUT WE DON'T REWRITE HISTORY TO APPEASE  
15 EVERYONE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T DO THAT. YOU'RE TALKING HERE ABOUT  
16 A HISTORICAL FACT. IT'S NOT ONE THAT WE HAVE CREATED ON OUR  
17 OWN ACCORD TO CREATE A FALSE HISTORY. WE ARE ONLY REFLECTING  
18 WHAT THE HISTORICAL ROOTS OF THIS COUNTY ARE AND THE  
19 HISTORICAL ROOTS OF-- WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE MISSIONS OF  
20 CALIFORNIA, THE EL CAMINO REAL, WHICH IS THE TITLE OF THE  
21 TEXTBOOK OF EVERY HIGH SCHOOL, JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH  
22 TEXTBOOK IN THIS STATE, REFLECTS EL CAMINO REAL. IT'S THE  
23 ROAD, THE ROAD OF THE MISSIONS. SO WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR  
24 ANYTHING DIFFERENT. WE'RE NOT TRYING TO INTERJECT RELIGION.  
25 THE A.C.L.U. IS ATTEMPTING TO USE THEIR POWER OF FORCE TO



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1 ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING THAT THEY CAN'T ACQUIRE ANY OTHER WAY. IN  
2 THE MURRAY VERSUS THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THEY SAID THAT THE CROSS  
3 WAS OKAY IN THEIR SEAL BECAUSE IT REFLECTED A HISTORICAL FACT  
4 AND THAT WAS THE COURT DECISION, THE FEDERAL COURT DECISION IN  
5 THAT CASE. IN THE LEMON CASE VERSUS KURTZMAN, THE THREE POINTS  
6 THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT IS THE INTENT OF THE COUNTY SEAL TO  
7 FURTHER INHIBIT RELIGION. AND CLEARLY, NO, THAT WAS NOT THE  
8 INHIBIT-- TO FURTHER INHIBIT RELIGION. SECOND, CAN A  
9 REASONABLE PERSON INFER THAT THE INTENT OF THE COUNTY SEAL HAS  
10 THE PRIMARY EFFECT OF ADVANCING OR INHIBITING REGION? AGAIN,  
11 THE ANSWER IS NO. IT'S STATING A HISTORICAL FACT. AND DOES THE  
12 SEAL EXCESSIVELY ENTANGLE RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT AND DO THEY  
13 OVERLAP AND INTERTWINE SO MUCH THAT ONE MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTY  
14 DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN THE TWO? AND, AGAIN, NO. THE SEAL  
15 DEPICTS MANY ASPECTS OF OUR COUNTY, LEGACY INCLUDING INDUSTRY,  
16 AGRICULTURE, AND ENTERTAINMENT. AND THE CROSS IS SMALL, AGAIN,  
17 WHEN YOU COMPARE IT TO A PAGAN GODDESS, WHICH A.C.L.U. HAS NO  
18 PROBLEM OVER PAGAN GODDESSES, OR THE OTHER 12 OBJECTS. AND YOU  
19 CAN ALSO SAY THAT THE FISH REPRESENTS CHRISTIANITY BECAUSE THE  
20 FISH WAS THE ORIGINAL SYMBOL OF THE CHRISTIANS AT THE TIME OF  
21 CHRIST. SO WHAT WE HAVE HERE, AS I SAID BEFORE, IS REWRITING  
22 OUR HISTORICAL ROOTS AS TO USE THE ANALOGY, LIKE EATING A  
23 SANDWICH WRAPPED IN A PAPER BAG, IT LOSES ITS TASTE. THE  
24 MISSION IS THE INTEGRAL PART OF THIS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
25 JUST AS, TODAY, THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY IS A MAJOR



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1 COMPONENT OF THE STATE'S AND THE COUNTY'S ECONOMIC BASE AND  
2 OUR CULTURE IS REFLECTED, ALL OF THAT, IN THAT SEAL. SO IT'S  
3 MY POSITION THAT WE SHOULD SUPPORT THE HISTORICAL ROOTS AND  
4 NOT BE IN A POSITION OF REWRITING HISTORY FOR SOME WACKO  
5 ORGANIZATION THAT TENDS TO FEED OFF OF THESE TYPES OF  
6 LITIGATION TO GET THEIR POLITICAL AGENDA.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU KNOW, I-- JUST ONE THING THAT I THINK WE  
9 SHOULD CLARIFY. MY UNDERSTANDING AND MY READING OF THAT CASE  
10 IN THE AUSTIN CASE, THE TEXAS CASE, WAS THAT IT WAS A REPLICA  
11 OF AUSTIN'S SEAL OF HIS COAT OF ARMS FOR HIS FAMILY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHICH HAD A CROSS.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** AND, AS A REPLICA OF THAT FAMILY COAT OF ARMS,  
16 THEY SAID THAT THAT WAS A REPLICA OF SOMETHING ELSE. NOW, IF--  
17 AND, AGAIN, WE GO BACK TO IT, IF WE HAD A MISSION THERE AND  
18 THAT MISSION WAS-- AND IT WAS A REPLICA OF THAT MISSION AND,  
19 ON THAT MISSION. THERE WAS-- THERE WAS A CROSS, I THINK THAT  
20 WE WOULD BE IN A SITUATION OF WHERE WE'D GIVE OUR ATTORNEYS  
21 SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE A LITTLE BIT MORE CONSISTENT WITH THE  
22 CASES THAT I HAVE SEEN AND THE CASES THAT I HAVE READ. BUT I  
23 CAN'T HELP BUT SAY ONE THING FURTHER. YOU KNOW, I'M REALLY  
24 GLAD THAT THE CONSTITUTION IS DYNAMIC AND THAT IT CHANGES  
25 BECAUSE I KNOW, WHEN MOST OF THOSE CONSTITUTIONS YOU JUST



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1 THREW UP BEFORE US AND WAVED, I WAS NOT CONSIDERED A PERSON  
2 BUT TODAY I AM A PERSON BECAUSE THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED  
3 STATES IS DYNAMIC AND IT HAS CHANGED OVER THE YEARS AND IT HAS  
4 BEEN INTERPRETED IN DIFFERENT WAYS. AND PART OF OUR  
5 RESPONSIBILITIES, AS PEOPLE WHO ATTEMPT TO PASS LAWS, IS TO  
6 RESPECT THAT CONSTITUTION AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR AND TO  
7 ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT IF WHAT WE DO IS CONSISTENT WITH THE  
8 PRESENT INTERPRETATION OF THAT CONSTITUTION. AND THAT'S WHAT I  
9 INTEND TO DO. I WANT OUR COUNTY COUNSEL TO GIVE US WHAT IS THE  
10 LAW. NOW, IF WHAT HE ADVISES US IS THERE IS AN AMBIGUITY ON  
11 THAT SEAL AND THAT IT WOULD BE WORTH OUR WHILE TO GO TO COURT  
12 WITH IT AND TO TAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO THE SUPREME COURT,  
13 BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE ANY  
14 INTERPRETATION THAT'S DIFFERENT THAN EIGHT OUT OF 10 CASES  
15 THAT HAVE COME BEFORE DISTRICT COURTS, AND MY UNDERSTANDING  
16 IS, IN THE PAST, THEY HAVE REFUSED TO TAKE THE CASES. NOW, IF  
17 YOU WANT TO DO THAT, THE EXPENSES OF IT, WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT  
18 THAT. WE KNOW IT WOULD BE EXPENSIVE TO CHANGE THE SEAL. THERE  
19 IS NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT AS WELL. BUT I HOPE THAT THIS DOES  
20 NOT GET SO DIVISIVE AND PEOPLE STOP NAME-CALLING, BECAUSE I'M  
21 GETTING A LITTLE TIRED OF IT. YOU KNOW, THERE ARE DIFFERENT  
22 PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS AND THERE ARE PEOPLE OF  
23 DIFFERENT RELIGIONS IN THIS COUNTY, WHETHER YOU WANT TO ADMIT  
24 IT OR NOT. AND WE HAVE SOME OBLIGATION, AT THIS POINT, TO  
25 START RESPECTING PEOPLE AND THEIR VIEWS. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT



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1 THE DIALOGUE AND THE DISCUSSION ON THIS WILL CALM DOWN AND  
2 STOP BEING QUITE SO ACCUSATORY AND SO INFLAMMATORY.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, I WOULD JUST ADD, WITH ALL DUE  
5 RESPECT, SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT A PARTICULAR  
6 RELIGION OR NOT A PARTICULAR GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS THAT  
7 INITIATED THIS. THIS IS INITIATED BY THE A.C.L.U. THERE HAS  
8 NOT BEEN AN OVERWHELMING COMPLAINT; MAYBE IN YOUR OFFICE BUT  
9 NOT MINE. BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER, IN MY 20-PLUS YEARS HERE, EVER  
10 GETTING ONE PHONE CALL THAT THE CROSS...

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, SEE, I HAVE. I'VE RECEIVED CALLS AND I'VE  
13 RECEIVED LETTERS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ...THAT THE CROSS ON THE SEAL...

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE. YES, I HAVE.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ...YOU KNOW, EITHER OFFENDED THEM OR FORCED  
20 THEM TO TRY TO CONVERT THEM TO SOME PARTICULAR RELIGION. IT'S  
21 EXTENSIVE HISTORY THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH HERE ON THIS  
22 PARTICULAR SEAL. AND, YU KNOW, TO SAY THAT-- TALK ABOUT  
23 WALKING IN THE SHOES FOR A MILE OR WHATEVER IT MAY BE, HOW  
24 ABOUT THE REST OF US? WE'VE DONE THAT IN OTHER ARENAS WHERE  
25 THE A.C.L.U. HAS TAKEN POSITIONS THAT ARE CONTRARY. BUT AT



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1 WHAT POINT DOES THIS END? I MEAN, WHERE DOES THIS END WHEN WE  
2 DEAL WITH THE SEAL? AND I DON'T CONSIDER MY COMMENTS  
3 INFLAMMATORY. I DON'T CONSIDER MY COMMENTS OUTRAGEOUS. WHAT I  
4 DO CONSIDER OUTRAGEOUS IS THE FACT THAT THE A.C.L.U. WANTS US  
5 TO WASTE OUR TIME AND RESOURCES DEBATING THIS, FINDING OUT HOW  
6 MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST TO SUE OR NOT TO SUE, FINDING OUT HOW  
7 MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST-- EVERY DIME THAT COULD BE SPENT ON A  
8 CLINIC OR A HOSPITAL OR A LIBRARY OR A POLICEMAN OR A SHERIFF  
9 OR FIREFIGHTER AND YET WE'RE SITTING HERE DEBATING THIS ISSUE.  
10 TO ME, WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON, AS I SAID EARLIER, IN THIS  
11 STATE AND IN THIS COUNTY WITH BUDGETARY ISSUES, THIS IS JUST  
12 AN ABSOLUTE ARROGANCE OF POWER. AND I'M NOT SAYING THAT TO BE  
13 INFLAMMATORY BECAUSE YOU KNOW I'M NOT A BOMB THROWER. BUT, IN  
14 THIS PARTICULAR CASE, I'M DRAWING THE LINE. I MEAN, WHERE DOES  
15 IT ALL END?

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17 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE SPEND MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS  
18 EVERY MONTH ON LAWSUITS AND I THINK THEY ARE A WASTE OF TIME  
19 IN MANY INSTANCES AND THAT'S PART OF WHAT OUR RESPONSIBILITY  
20 IS AND PART OF THE THINGS WE HAVE TO FACE. NOW, YOU FEEL AS  
21 THOUGH THERE WAS NO RIGHT BY ANYONE TO EVER RAISE THIS ISSUE.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I DIDN'T SAY THAT. DID I SAY THAT?

24

25 **SUP. BURKE:** JUST A MOMENT. JUST A MOMENT.





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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DID I SAY THAT?

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, YOU SAID NO ONE HAS EVER WRITTEN TO YOU?

5 WELL, MAYBE THEY HAVEN'T BECAUSE MAYBE THEY THOUGHT IT WAS A

6 WASTE OF TIME. BUT I WILL SAY TO YOU THAT THIS IS THE SECOND

7 LETTER OR THIRD LETTER I'VE RECEIVED FROM THE A.C.L.U. OVER

8 THE YEARS AND EVERY TIME I PASS THEM ON AND I DIDN'T SAY

9 ANYTHING ABOUT IT. I JUST PASSED THEM ONTO THE COUNTY COUNSEL.

10 I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY WERE HANDLED BUT I'LL TELL YOU, I HAVE

11 RECEIVED ALSO THE SAME LETTER FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

12 WHENEVER WE HAVE A PRAYER HERE THAT ENDS IN THE NAME OF JESUS

13 OR WHATEVER IT IS, I GET CALLS AND LETTERS. NOW, I MAY BE THE

14 ONLY ONE GETTING THEM...

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE GET THOSE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT I AM-- I'M GETTING THOSE-- I GET THOSE CALLS

19 BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE OFFENDED AND, AT SOME POINT,

20 YOU HAVE TO REALIZE THAT AND YOU'VE GOT TO FACE IT.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I REALIZE IT TOTALLY. ABSOLUTELY. I'M

23 OFFENDED BY SOME OF THE OTHER A.C.L.U. ACTIONS AS WELL, TOO.

24 SO, I MEAN, I KNOW WHAT OFFENSIVE IS BUT, YOU KNOW, ON SPLIT

25 VOTES, WE'VE HAD NO PROBLEM SPENDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON



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1 LAWYERS BECAUSE SOME OF YOU MAY BELIEVE, YOU KNOW, FIGHTING  
2 AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS OR TOASTER MANUFACTURERS OR GUN  
3 MANUFACTURERS, I MEAN, THOSE KINDS OF THINGS, WE'VE DEALT WITH  
4 THOSE AND YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY EVERY RIGHT, AND THAT'S ALL THAT  
5 I'M...

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7 **SUP. BURKE:** SMOKERS AND TOBACCO.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND TOBACCO.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND THAT'S ALL I'M TRYING TO DO HERE IS NO  
14 DIFFERENT THAN ANY ONE OF YOU, ON THESE SPLIT VOTES, HAVE  
15 RAISED ISSUES AND, YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN ON THE SHORT END OF  
16 VOTES AND BEEN ON THE WINNING END OF VOTES BUT THAT'S THE  
17 RIGHT OF THIS BOARD AND THAT'S ALL I'M DOING IS TRYING TO MAKE  
18 SURE THAT WE, AS A COUNTY, REAFFIRM OUR GREAT HISTORY AND WHAT  
19 THAT SEAL STANDS FOR. AND IT'S AN ABSOLUTE WASTE OF TIME AND  
20 EFFORT FOR US TO BE TRYING TO DEAL WITH THESE KINDS OF ISSUES.  
21 AND, AS THE LARGEST COUNTY OF AMERICA, IT'S ABSOLUTELY TIME  
22 FOR US TO STAND UP BECAUSE, ONCE WE CAPITULATE, THE REST IS  
23 HISTORY.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DIDN'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS. I MEAN, I  
5 KNOW I'M INVOLVED IN THIS AND I REALLY WORRY ABOUT THE DEBATE  
6 BECAUSE IT'S SUCH A PERSONAL AND VERY EMOTIONAL ISSUE BUT I  
7 HAVE TO TAKE ISSUE WITH WHAT YOU JUST SAID ABOUT OUR GREAT  
8 HISTORY. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO WILL ARGUE THAT THE  
9 MISSIONS WERE NOT A GREAT PART OF OUR HISTORY. MANY OF THE  
10 MISSIONS, I MEAN, THEY-- I MEAN, I AM CATHOLIC, I AM  
11 CHRISTIAN, BUT THE REALITY IS THAT THEY WERE BUILT IN A MATTER  
12 OF SLAVES WHO DID THEM. AND SO, CONSEQUENTLY, WE NEED TO  
13 RETHINK AND USE COMMON SENSE AS WE APPROACH THIS. THERE'S  
14 NOTHING WRONG WITH DEPICTING OUR HISTORICAL ROOTS BUT LET'S BE  
15 VERY CAREFUL AS TO HOW WE DO IT. THERE'S NO DOUBT, AT A POINT  
16 IN TIME THAT WAS ACCEPTANCE, IT'S BEEN ACCEPTED ALL ALONG, BUT  
17 I THINK WE HAVE TO USE SOME COMMON SENSE HERE. OUR COUNTY  
18 COUNSEL HAS ADVISED US ON WHAT THE CHANCES ARE OF SUCCESS.  
19 AND, BELIEVE ME, YOU DO HAVE A RIGHT TO BRING YOUR MOTION AND  
20 YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE IT VOTED ON AND ALL OF THOSE. THOSE  
21 ARE RIGHTS THAT ARE ALL PRESERVED TO YOU BUT IT IS, AT THE  
22 SAME TIME, IN THE DISCUSSION AND THIS DEBATE, WE CAN'T IGNORE  
23 WHAT IT IS. AND WHAT IS IS THAT THERE IS-- OUR COUNTY COUNSEL  
24 HAS INVESTIGATED THIS ISSUE AND CLEARLY IS POINTING THAT THE  
25 DIRECTION THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO WIN THIS CASE AND INVESTING



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1 A LOT OF DOLLARS IN TRYING TO FIGHT FOR THIS CAUSE IS GOING TO  
2 TAKE AWAY DOLLARS FROM OTHER AREAS. I BELIEVE THAT, IF WE WANT  
3 TO BE HISTORIC AND APPROPRIATE, THERE ARE MANY, MANY WAYS THAT  
4 WE CAN PRESERVE THE RICHNESS OF THE CALIFORNIA MISSIONS THAT  
5 WAS THERE OR OTHER KINDS OF ASPECT BUT LET'S NOT GET INTO A  
6 BATTLE THAT CLEARLY WE'RE GOING TO LOSE. BUT I THINK IT'S A  
7 MATTER OF GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION, DISCUSSING WHAT THOSE  
8 OPTIONS ARE, AND NOT IGNORING WHAT LEGAL ADVICE WE HAVE BEFORE  
9 US. I HAVE GONE AGAINST THE LEGAL ADVICE FROM TIME TO TIME. I  
10 HAVE BEEN ON THE LOSING SIDE OF SOME OF THOSE ISSUES BUT THERE  
11 ARE MANY DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS AND I JUST POINT OUT THAT  
12 OUR GREAT HISTORY, AS YOU JUST SAID, THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS  
13 IN OUR HISTORY THAT WE WANT TO FORGET ABOUT. AND SO, EVEN IN  
14 THE CALIFORNIA MISSIONS, IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY EXPRESS  
15 GREATNESS TO A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WERE THE SUBJECT OF THE  
16 ENSLAVEMENT THAT WENT ON IN ORDER TO BUILD THEM.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'M NOT OFFERING AN OPINION ON MISSIONS.  
19 I'M JUST SAYING WE HAVE A SEAL HERE THAT HAS BEEN CHALLENGED  
20 AND I JUST FELT VERY STRONGLY THAT WE, AS A BOARD, NEED TO  
21 TAKE A POSITION TO DEFEND THAT SEAL AND THERE'S A LOT OF  
22 THINGS THAT CAN BE INTERPRETED IN DIFFERENT WAYS AND I TOTALLY  
23 UNDERSTAND THAT AND I UNDERSTAND THE CONSTITUTION AND BEEN ON  
24 BOTH SIDES OF THE ISSUES. BUT I THINK THIS IS AN ISSUE OF



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1 ENOUGH IMPORTANCE THAT I BROUGHT FORTH THE MOTION. SO THE ITEM  
2 IS BEFORE US.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ISN'T THERE A SUBSTITUTE?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS GOING TO MOVE THAT WE REFER THIS TO  
7 CLOSED SESSION.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** AND I SECOND THAT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND I WILL VOTE "NO" ON THAT. WE'LL  
12 GO TO CLOSED SESSION, THEN. MOVE THAT ITEM, EXCUSE ME, MOVE  
13 THAT ITEM TO CLOSED SESSION. WE STILL HAVE ADJOURNMENTS AND  
14 OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CALL THE ROLL?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CALL THE ROLL. OKAY.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ROLL CALL ON REFERRING THE ITEM TO CLOSED  
21 SESSION. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE, CORRECT?

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PARDON?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE, CORRECT? AYE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, IT'S PENDING LITIGATION, WHICH WE ORDINARILY  
5 DISCUSS IN CLOSED SESSION.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SHE JUST CLARIFIED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE.  
8 THAT'S WHAT SHE WAS CLARIFYING.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE MOTION CARRIES, THREE TO TWO.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT WILL BE REFERRED TO CLOSED SESSION.

8 SUPERVISOR BURKE, HAVE YOU DONE-- SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DID YOU

9 DO YOUR SPECIALS? ZEV, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T, NOT TODAY.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT, THEN. I MOVE TODAY THAT WE

14 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JUDGE BERTRAN DAVIS, FORMER EMPLOYEE

15 AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL. HE IS THE HUSBAND

16 OF SHARON DAVIS, CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

17 SERVICES. HE WAS A LOVING AND DEDICATED FAMILY MAN WHO WILL

18 ALWAYS BE THERE TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO SOMEONE IN NEED. HE

19 ACTIVELY SUPPORTED VARIOUS YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND ALCOHOL AND

20 DRUG ABUSE PROGRAMS. HIS SON, ERIC, PRECEDED IN DEATH. HE IS

21 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SHARON, CHILDREN: KIRKLAND, KIPLING, AND

22 MAHOGANEE, THREE BROTHERS, FOUR SISTERS, A HOST OF NIECES AND

23 NEPHEWS, COUSINS, IN-LAWS, AND FRIENDS. HE WILL BE GREATLY

24 MISSED. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF GENEVIEVE FRAGA,

25 A 50-YEAR RESIDENT OF MANHATTAN BEACH. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN



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1 NUMEROUS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SOUTH BAY REPUBLICAN'S  
2 WOMEN'S CLUB. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ZELLA  
3 SPLITTGERBER, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. SHE WAS A  
4 RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO FOR ALMOST 60 YEARS. SHE LOVED THE  
5 HARBOR FOG HORNS AND POINT FERMIN PARK. SHE TAUGHT AT SAN  
6 PEDRO 15TH STREET SCHOOL FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND, AFTER  
7 RETIREMENT, CONTINUED TO LOVE AND HELP SAN PEDRO CHILDREN AND  
8 FAMILIES UNTIL HER DEATH. SHE WAS A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF MANY  
9 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND VOLUNTEERED COUNTLESS HOURS TO HELP  
10 OTHERS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SONS, JIM AND TOM, DAUGHTER-IN-  
11 LAW, BECKY, TWO GRANDCHILDREN, A GREAT GRANDSON, A BROTHER AND  
12 SISTER. I HELD ITEM 2, SUPERVISOR BURKE'S MOTION. I JUST HAD  
13 AN AMENDMENT. SUPERVISOR BURKE, I THINK WE TALKED TO YOUR  
14 OFFICE ABOUT IT AND IT IS BASICALLY JUST A REITERATION AT THE  
15 BEGINNING OF THE BODY OF IT BUT, FOR CLARIFICATION, THE 1.9  
16 BILLION FIGURE WOULD BE THE COST TO FUND CURRENT VOUCHERS AND  
17 TO KEEP THE CURRENT NUMBER OF HOUSING VOUCHERS NATIONALLY. I  
18 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ASK CONGRESS TO  
19 APPROPRIATE SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO FULLY FUND ALL CURRENTLY  
20 AUTHORIZED HOUSING VOUCHERS UNDER HUD'S HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER  
21 PROGRAM, OKAY?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT, THAT'S FINE. I DID HAVE ONE ADDITIONAL  
24 THING THAT I WANTED TO RAISE.

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 2?

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3    **SUP. BURKE:** ON 2, IF YOU'LL JUST-- I'LL MOVE IT AS AMENDED.

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5    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. AS AMENDED, AND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
6    ORDERED.

7

8    **SUP. BURKE:** AND I DON'T HAVE THE SENATE BILL. SHEILA KUEHL HAS  
9    A SENATE BILL THAT WE HAD TAKEN A POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO  
10   IT. IT RELATES TO MILITARY PLANNING AND ZONING AND...

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S ZONING OVER AREAS...

13

14   **SUP. BURKE:** ...AND I HAD IT WRITTEN DOWN ON MY-- THE BOOK THAT  
15   I WAS GOING TO BRING AND I DIDN'T BUT IT'S A SENATE BILL BY  
16   SHEILA KUEHL. SHE'S ASKED FOR US TO RECONSIDER OUR POSITION,  
17   SINCE IT'S BEEN AMENDED CONSIDERABLY.

18

19   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HAVE WE SEEN THE AMENDMENTS?

20

21   **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH. SO I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A REPORT BACK ON THE  
22   SENATE BILL, THE SHEILA KUEHL SENATE BILL THAT RELATES TO  
23   ZONING AND I'LL GET THE EXACT NUMBER, IF I COULD HAVE A REPORT  
24   BACK ON THAT AND REVIEW WHETHER OR NOT THE AMENDMENTS...

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND YOU'LL GET US A COPY OF THE AMENDMENTS?

2

3    **SUP. BURKE:** YES, WE'LL GET THE AMENDMENTS. I HAVEN'T SEEN IT  
4    MYSELF. SHE JUST ASKED IF WE WOULD TAKE A LOOK AT IT.

5

6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IN THE MEANTIME, THEN, WE WOULD NOT HAVE  
7    A POSITION ON THAT BILL. IS THAT...

8

9    **SUP. BURKE:** WE OPPOSED IT. WE TOOK A POSITION, IN MY  
10    UNDERSTANDING, OF OPPOSITION.

11

12    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'RE STILL IN OPPOSITION.

13

14    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT, BUT I THINK SHE'S ASKING US TO  
15    RECONSIDER OUR OPPOSITION?

16

17    **SUP. BURKE:** RECONSIDER OUR POSITION.

18

19    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND SO ARE-- WHAT WOULD BE THE-- I DON'T  
20    KNOW HOW LONG IT'S GOING TO BE BEFORE THIS COMES BACK BUT, IN  
21    THE MEANTIME, WHAT WOULD BE OUR POSITION?

22

23    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, WE'LL BRING IT BACK NEXT WEEK. I CAN'T  
24    SPEAK FOR COUNTY COUNSEL BUT I DON'T KNOW. I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE  
25    SAYING.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, BRING IT BACK NEXT WEEK WITH THE  
3 AMENDMENTS. THEN, ALSO, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU HELD ITEM  
4 40.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. JUST GIVE ME THE NUMBER OF THE SENATE  
7 BILL.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM 4? 40. YEAH. YOU KNOW, I DON'T  
10 NECESSARILY WANT TO TAKE A LOT OF TIME ON THIS TODAY UNLESS I  
11 CAN GET AN ANSWER. I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, ARE THESE FUNDS--  
12 YES, 40, ARE THESE FUNDS THAT ARE PART OF THE WORKER  
13 RETRAINING PROGRAM THAT WE ESTABLISHED AS PART OF THE WAIVER  
14 IN THE YEAR 2000?

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO, THEY ARE NOT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ARE THEY?

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE HAVE, FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW, HAD AN  
21 AGREEMENT, AS PART OF OUR AGREEMENT WITH S.E.I.U., ONE AND A  
22 HALF MILLION DOLLARS THAT WE SET ASIDE AND THEN JOINTLY  
23 DEVELOP WITH THEM TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.

24



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT'S JUST A MILLION AND A HALF THAT  
2    COMES OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND?

3

4    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT IS CORRECT. HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE  
5    WAIVER. THE WAIVER MONEY IS-- WELL, YOU WILL SEE THAT IN  
6    '04/'05 AS PART OF THE BUDGET. THAT WAS A \$40 MILLION  
7    COMMITMENT THAT WAS MADE. THIS IS DIFFERENT.

8

9    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S THE ONLY QUESTION I HAD.

10

11   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WITH THAT, ARE YOU MOVING THE ITEM?

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL SUPPORT IT. MOVE IT?

14

15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, I MEAN...

16

17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL MOVE IT.

18

19   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT'S MOVED AND THE CHAIR WILL SECOND.  
20   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. I BELIEVE THAT FINISHES  
21   THE AGENDA. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. IS THAT CORRECT? OH, I'M  
22   SORRY. MIKE, GO AHEAD.

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. I'D LIKE TO MOVE IN MEMORY TODAY AS WE  
25   ADJOURN JACK BRADBURY, WHO FORMERLY WAS WITH WALT DISNEY AND





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1 WARNER BROTHERS AT DISNEY. HE WAS INVOLVED WITH "FANTASIA,"  
2 "BAMBI" AND "PINOCCHIO," THEN HE MOVED ON TO WARNER BROTHERS  
3 WHERE HE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE ANIMATION FOR BUGS BUNNY, PORKY  
4 PIG, SYLVESTER THE CAT AND OTHER CHARACTERS, THEN HE RETURNED  
5 TO DISNEY WHERE HE DID ARTWORK FOR DISNEY COMIC BOOKS. HE  
6 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. ROBERT CASTLE, RETIRED  
7 POSTMASTER OF MONTROSE, WHERE HE WAS ALSO ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN  
8 HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH, OF THE PAST NIGHT OF THE CRESCENTA  
9 VALLEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. MARY ALICE JOHNSON, WHO WAS L.A.  
10 CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND INVOLVED  
11 WITH THE CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF THE  
12 UNIVERSITY WOMEN AND THE GLENDALE BURBANK WOMEN'S CIVIC  
13 LEAGUE. DAVID MILLEN, HE WAS-- PASSED AWAY WITH LOU GEHRIG'S  
14 DISEASE AT THE AGE OF 59. HE WAS AN EDUCATOR IN PALMDALE. HE  
15 SERVED AS PRINCIPAL OF TUMBLEWEED, SAGE, MESA AND CIMARRON  
16 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICTS. AND TED MONROE MOORE, WHO SERVED  
17 IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, WAS A FORMER POLICE OFFICER, AND  
18 THEN BECAME PURCHASER AND OPERATOR OF G AND O AUTO ELECTRIC  
19 UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. FERNANDO OAXACA,  
20 LONG-TIME HISPANIC POLITICAL COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, PASSED AWAY  
21 AT THE AGE OF 76. HE WAS INVOLVED AND CO-FOUNDED THE CORONADO  
22 COMMUNICATIONS BROADCASTING RADIO MARKETING AND ADVERTISING  
23 FIRM. HE WORKED WITH THE PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON AND PRESIDENT  
24 GERALD FORD. ALSO SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN  
25 OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION AND THE MEXICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE OF



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1 LOS ANGELES. WAS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS OF THE  
2 HISPANIC COALITION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. HE IS SURVIVED BY  
3 HIS WIFE, BERTHA, AND TWO CHILDREN. SIDNEY CAMERON PARKIN,  
4 RETIRED, WORKED 30 YEARS AT THE GLENDALE'S DEPARTMENT OF WATER  
5 AND POWER. AND SALLIE SEAVER REYNOLDS, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE  
6 AGE OF 80. SHE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE ALTAR GUILD AT ST. JAMES  
7 CHURCH, THE LOS ANGELES ART MUSEUM AND COUNCIL, JUNIOR  
8 PHILHARMONIC, STANFORD WOMEN'S CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, THE  
9 WOMEN'S CLUB OF LOS ANGELES AND SHE PRACTICED LAW WITH UNION  
10 BANK AND WAS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE WITH REYNOLDS AND POWERS LAW  
11 FIRM. AND GERALD WINESBERG, EDUCATOR FOR THE PAST 37 YEARS AT  
12 THOMAS STARR KING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND JOHN MARSHALL HIGH  
13 SCHOOL, WHERE HE TAUGHT DRAMA AND WAS AN EXPERT SHAKESPEAREAN  
14 HISTORY. AND HE BROUGHT TO LIFE MANY OF THE MUSICAL  
15 PRODUCTIONS AT THE COLLEGE. THEN I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT, MR.  
16 CHAIRMAN, THE NINTH COURT, WHICH IS, AGAIN, ONE OF THE MOST  
17 LIBERAL COURTS IN THE NATION, JUST MADE A VERY TYPICAL WRONG-  
18 HEADED DECISION IN WHICH THEY'RE GOING TO BLAME THE GUN  
19 MANUFACTURER FOR THE RECENT KILLING THAT OCCURRED IN LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL, MR. FURROW,  
21 WAS PAROLED FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON AND CAME DOWN TO SAN  
22 FERNANDO VALLEY WHERE HE SHOT AND KILLED A POSTMAN FROM  
23 CHATSWORTH AND ALSO SHOT UP THE GRANADA HILLS JEWISH CENTER.  
24 AND THEY'RE GOING TO BLAME THE GUN MANUFACTURER FOR THAT, WHEN  
25 THE LAW CLEARLY WOULD PLACE THE BLAME ON THE STATE OF



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1 WASHINGTON'S PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THEIR COURTS BECAUSE  
2 THIS WAS A FELON WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO SURRENDER HIS ARMS AT THE  
3 TIME OF HIS CONVICTION FOR A FELONY AND THE COURT AND THE  
4 PROBATION DEPARTMENT DID NOT CONFISCATE THE GUNS, AS REQUIRED  
5 BY LAW, AND THEY ARE THE ONES WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY TYPE  
6 OF ACTIONS, CRIMINAL ACTIONS HE TOOK, NOT THE MANUFACTURER OF  
7 THE GUN ANY MORE THAN A MANUFACTURER OF AN AUTOMOBILE IS  
8 RESPONSIBLE FOR A PERSON WHO DRIVES UNDER THE INFLUENCE AND  
9 CAUSES A DEATH OR A TYPE OF ACCIDENT. IT'S THE PERSON BEHIND  
10 THE WHEEL, NOT THE AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURER WHO MANUFACTURED  
11 THE CAR THAT HE OR SHE HAPPENED TO BE DRIVING. THAT'S ALL, MR.  
12 CHAIRMAN.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. NEXT, WE HAVE PUBLIC  
15 COMMENT. MR. DAN WISEMAN, ELIZABETH ORTEGA, MIKE ORTEGA, AND  
16 ROSALINDA ORTEGA. IF YOU ALL WOULD COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

17

18 **DANIEL WISEMAN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
19 SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR DOING WHAT OUR FIRST  
20 AMENDMENT SAYS AND THAT IS HAVING PUBLIC COMMENT ON ISSUES OF  
21 IMPORTANCE. I WISH TO SPEAK ON THE ISSUE OF THE CROSS ON OUR  
22 COUNTY SEAL. IT IS A ISSUE WHICH IS OF THE GREATEST TENDERNESS  
23 AND THE KINDS WORDS THAT I'VE HEARD BOARD SUPERVISOR MEMBERS  
24 USE, I THINK, IS QUITE INAPPROPRIATE. I'M SORRY TO HEAR IT.  
25 WE'VE BECOME A SOCIETY OF SYMBOLS AND OF CLICHES AND SOUND



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1 BYTES. THAT'S A SYMBOL. IT'S AN IMPORTANT SYMBOL TO SOME  
2 PEOPLE. IT'S NOT AN IMPORTANT SYMBOL TO OTHERS AND OUR  
3 CONSTITUTION VERY CLEARLY SEPARATES CHURCH AND STATE AND  
4 THAT'S A SYMBOL OF THE CHURCH. WHEN I PREPARED TO COME TO  
5 SPEAK BEFORE YOU, I THOUGHT, WELL, WHAT COULD WE USE INSTEAD  
6 OF THAT THAT MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE? I'VE HEARD YOU SPEAK OF  
7 USING A PICTURE OF THE MISSION BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, I DO AGREE  
8 WITH MS. MOLINA, WHO RIGHTLY POINTS OUT THAT THE MISSIONS WERE  
9 FORTS. THEY WERE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS OF A SORT AND THEY  
10 WERE POPULATED BY PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT NECESSARILY PAID  
11 PROPERLY FOR THEIR SERVICES. THE MISSIONS, HOWEVER, ARE AN  
12 IMPORTANT PART OF OUR CITY HISTORY. I'M PLEASED TO LEARN, AS I  
13 DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE, THAT THAT'S THE GODDESS OF POMONA. I  
14 WONDER IF WE WANT TO REPLACE HER WITH THE GODDESS OF RAMONA,  
15 WHO IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR CITY'S EARLY HISTORY AND WE  
16 RELIVE HER HISTORY EVERY SUMMERTIME AT THE JOHN ANSON FORD  
17 THEATRE. I KNOW YOU KNOW WHO JOHN ANSON FORD IS. HE SAT IN  
18 YOUR CHAIR FOR LONGER THAN ANYONE ELSE AND I HAD THE PRIVILEGE  
19 AND PLEASURE OF HAVING HIM AS A NEIGHBOR FOR ALMOST 40 YEARS.  
20 I WONDER WHAT HE WOULD HAVE SAID ABOUT THIS ISSUE? I THINK THE  
21 ISSUE NOW IS THAT WE HAVE TO NOW CHOOSE OUR SYMBOLS CAREFULLY.  
22 WE HAVE TO PRESENT OUR SYMBOLS CAREFULLY AND WE HAVE TO  
23 PRESENT OUR SYMBOLS FOR EVERYONE. MR. ANTONOVICH ASKED, WHERE  
24 IS IT GOING TO END? WELL, IT'S GOING TO END WHERE WE BEGAN,  
25 WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. MR. ORTEGA.

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4 **MR. ORTEGA:** YES, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO ADDRESS YOU. WE  
5 ARE SOME OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF GUSTAVO ORTEGA. THIS IS HIS  
6 MOTHER, ROSA MARIA ORTEGA, HIS DAUGHTER, ELIZABETH ORTEGA,  
7 SISTER, JOSELINE ORTEGA, AND BROTHER, MIKE ORTEGA. WE ARE HERE  
8 REQUESTING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE THE DEATH OF GUSTAVO  
9 ORTEGA, WHO, AFTER HIS RELEASE FROM THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL, WHO  
10 DIED AFTER RELEASED FROM THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL. WE BELIEVE HE  
11 DIED DUE TO THE MISTREATMENT AND NEGLECT BY THE STAFF OF THE  
12 L.A. COUNTY JAIL. MY BROTHER WAS DISORIENTED AND A DIABETIC.  
13 WHILE INCARCERATED, HE UNDERWENT SURGERY AND HAD HIS RIGHT  
14 FOOT AMPUTATED. HE WAS VERY WEAK. WHEN HE WAS RELEASED ON  
15 APRIL THE 2ND, 2004, AT 1:53 IN THE MORNING, HE WAS RELEASED  
16 NOT TO MEDICAL OR FAMILY CARE BUT, RATHER, WE WERE TOLD O.R.  
17 TO THE STREETS. WE LATER FOUND THAT HE HAD BEEN RELEASED TO  
18 THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER, WHERE HE SAT UNATTENDED FOR THREE  
19 DAYS. AFTER THOSE THREE DAYS, TWO DEPUTIES FOUND HIM LYING ON  
20 A CONCRETE BENCH IN THE LOBBY OF THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER  
21 AND FOUND HIM, IN THEIR OWN WORDS, TOO WEAK AND DYING AND HAD  
22 AN AMBULANCE TRANSPORT HIM TO THE L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL  
23 CENTER, WHERE HE DIED WITHIN A FEW HOURS. WE BELIEVE WE ARE  
24 ENTITLED TO SOME ANSWERS AND WANT JUSTICE. YOU ARE THE ONLY  
25 BODY THAT CAN PROVIDE THEM. WE ASK THAT YOU ORDER AN



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1 INVESTIGATION TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO GUSTAVO, OUR SON,  
2 FATHER, BROTHER, AND FRIEND. WHAT HAPPENED TO GUSTAVO ORTEGA,  
3 OUR LOVED ONE, COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED AND NO ONE ELSE  
4 SHOULD ENDURE WHAT HE WENT THROUGH. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS ANY OTHER MEMBER GOING TO  
7 SPEAK OR YOU'RE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY? THANK YOU  
8 VERY MUCH.

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10 **MR. ORTEGA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I LEFT A LETTER FOR EACH ONE  
11 OF YOU.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** RIGHT, AND WE WILL RESPOND TO THAT  
14 ACCORDINGLY, OKAY, AND REFER IT.

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16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
17 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-  
19 1, CS-2, AND CS-3, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING  
20 EXISTING LITIGATION; ITEM CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
21 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LISTING, ONE CASE, ITEM CS-  
22 5, CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS,  
23 ITEM CS-6, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION  
24 OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AND ITEM A-4, BRIEFING BY SHERIFF  
25 LEROY BACA OR HIS DESIGNEE AND RELATED EMERGENCY SERVICES





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1 REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING POTENTIAL THREATS TO PUBLIC SERVICES  
2 OR FACILITIES, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA AND  
3 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** MAY I CLARIFY THAT THE SENATE BILL THAT I WAS  
6 ASKING ABOUT WAS 1462.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 1462?

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10 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND WE'RE GOING TO GET A REPORT BACK WITH  
13 AMENDMENTS FOR NEXT TUESDAY. SO ORDERED.

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1       **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON JUNE 1, 2004**

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3       The Board of Supervisors met today in closed session. The  
4       following action is being reported:

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6       CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
7       (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

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9       County of Los Angeles v. Board of Directors of the Community  
10      Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles, et al., Los  
11      Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 260 603

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13      This is a lawsuit filed by the County challenging the  
14      Community Redevelopment Agency's adoption of the First  
15      Amendment to the Chinatown Redevelopment Project.

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17      Action Taken:

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19      The Board determined not to appeal the judgment of the  
20      Superior Court. The vote of the Board was:

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Supervisor Molina: Aye

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Supervisor Burke: Aye

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky: Aye

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Supervisor Antonovich: Abstain

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Supervisor Knabe: Aye



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